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Watchmen comes to the screen

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Woman arrested after alleged stabbing

CLARKS HARBOUR A man was allegedly stabbed and a woman arrested after a domestic assault in Clarks Harbour.

A 44-year-old man was allegedly attacked with a knife shortly after midnight Thursday morning.

Lori Anne Beaulieu, a 35-year-old from Clarks Harbour, was arrested at the scene by RCMP officers.

She appeared in a Barrington courtroom Thursday morning facing a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

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Library gives break on DVDs

Riding the Recession

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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The Herd



Halifax goalie Mark Yetman makes a save on P.E.I. Rocket forward Ben Duffy during the second period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Mooseheads scored an empty-net goal as they topped the Rocket 4-2. Story, pg 16.

Closing in on playoff spot

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Forest industry official makes pitch to Greens

CONVENTION A potential battle between the clear-cutters and the tree-huggers is more likely to be a sober discussion of mutual challenges as the forestry industry makes its case at the Green party convention Friday night.

"The old concept that environmental groups hold demonstrations and forest companies dig in their heels has got dinosaur dandruff all over it," Avrim Lazar, president and CEO of the Forest Products Association of Canada, said Thursday.

That's the message Lazar, whose association represents an industry that's the world's biggest exporter of forestry products, plans to convey to grassroots Greens when he delivers a keynote address at their biennial policy convention Friday night.

Lazar said he expects to find welcome ears in an audience that will include people who in past years would have been more likely to form human chains around trees than to listen to someone whose job it is to cut them down.

Green Leader Elizabeth May invited Lazar to speak after hearing his views on climate change, a problem the Canadian forestry industry is dealing with, too.

"Inviting and featuring in our program (Lazar) at least will give people reason to question their preconceived notions and recognize that the Green party is ... not a party that is against industry or against people having jobs, or a number of things that people seem to think that a party called the Green party will be about," May said Thursday.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drivers get MVI break

Motor vehicle inspections to be two years apart instead of one

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Soon drivers will no longer have to get their vehicles inspected every year. Instead, it will be every second year.

The province announced Thursday it would be loosening its motor vehicle inspection standards starting on April 1. The changes include fewer inspections, fewer parts of a car needing to be inspected, and a new second opinion process.

"We looked at other jurisdictions and we believe we've come to a good middle of the road — excuse

the pun — decision on vehicle inspections here in the province," said Richard Hurlburt, minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

Staff said they receive about 100 complaints each year about stations gouging customers at annual checkups. Consumers now have the option to go to government staff for a second opinion.

If the original inspector is found to have given an inaccurate inspection, he or she could face fines or a suspension.

Inspections themselves will be less rigorous. Horns, lights, mirrors, couplings

Checkup

• Commercial-type vehicles, which range from taxis to tow trucks to ambulances, must still be inspected yearly.

and windshield wipers will no longer be part of checkups. Hurlburt said those are non-essential items that are the drivers' responsibility.

"There's also laws in our province where if they're stopped by police they will be charged if they do not have the proper working facilities on their vehicle. So the owners have some re-

sponsibility also," he said.

The department hopes to double last year's number of 340 roadside inspections. But that will take three new staff members at an estimated cost of \$200,000, which Hurlburt must convince cabinet to approve.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil praised yesterday's announcement, saying his party has been calling for biennial inspections since April 2007.

"This is about striking a balance. This is about making sure the safety of Nova Scotians is protected, as well as giving consumers a reasonable break," McNeil said.

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New boys' school named

Sacred Heart School announced Thursday that the new boys' high school being built on Spring Garden Road is being named Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart. Construction for the new school began last February with the school set to open this September. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Repairs smoother for men?

Do men get better — and cheaper — car repair? A survey done for Speedy Auto Service found 43 per cent of Canadian women felt they got worse service at their garage than men, and 42 per cent thought they were charged more. Thirty-six per cent of men agreed that service and price vary depending on gender.

METRO HALIFAX

Chaos breaks out in courtroom

Attack proves extra security needed, says Crown attorney group head

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It took six peace officers to subdue two family members of a murder victim who went after a defendant in court Thursday morning.

The incident is proof courthouses need more security, says Rick Woodburn, head of the Nova Scotia Crown Attorneys' Association.

"Let's invite society's most violent people into your workplace, with weapons, and let them sit behind you for several hours," Woodburn said.

"Are you going to be looking over your shoulder?"

The fight occurred during a routine court appearance Thursday for Steven Maurice Colley, charged in the first-degree murder of Andre Jonathan Slawter in January.

Woodburn said the Crown attorney handling the case, Perry Borden, suspected there might be trouble, so he asked to

have a metal detector set up and extra sheriffs posted in the courtroom. He also asked two RCMP officers who were at court Thursday morning to sit in.

Woodburn said when the two men went after Colley, it took all the Mounties and sheriffs to subdue them — leaving Borden alone with the unshackled accused.

"Luckily, (Borden) looks more like a linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers than he does a Crown attorney. The majority of our prosecutors are not like that. We're not trained to defend ourselves," Woodburn said.

For a year, the association has been asking for more courthouse security. Woodburn said courthouses need permanent metal detectors, and partitions to keep spectators from going after lawyers or the accused.

The Spring Garden Road provincial courthouse has a permanent metal detector, and Woodburn said sheriffs are confiscating knives from people who



Steven Colley, who is charged with murdering Andre Slawter, covers his face as he is escorted into the Dartmouth courthouse last month. Two of Slawter's relatives tried to attack Colley during his trial Thursday.

were convicted of stabbings in the past.

"My fear is that without the metal detector, they

could have easily come in with weapons (Thursday)," he said.

The two men, one 26

Metal detectors?

Justice Dept. investigating

Thursday's courtroom fight is under review by the provincial Justice Department, even though security precautions were taken.

"It is very rare, fortunately, that we have an assault within the courtroom setting and we do take every incident seriously. Ultimately courts are public places," said Sheri Aikenhead, a Justice Department spokeswoman.

Installing permanent metal detectors is something the Justice Department is looking into, Aikenhead said.

"A final decision hasn't been made but metal detectors have been up at Spring Garden and Dartmouth when needed."

and the other 20, were later charged with causing a disturbance by fighting. The 26-year-old also faces a charge of assaulting a peace officer. Both were released and will appear in court at a later date.

Weapons produced near crowd in North Preston

FIREARMS The RCMP responded to a 9-1-1 call Thursday around 3 p.m. in regards to a vehicle driving around North Preston with firearms.

Another 9-1-1 call later came in about firearms being produced around a large crowd.

Police found about 50 people dispersing from the area near Johnston Road

and Clearance Street.

RCMP are continuing their investigation but have identified a 22-year-old man as one of the suspects. The man hasn't been found.

The RCMP is referring to this as an isolated incident and said it isn't related to any other incidents which may have taken place during the day. **METRO HALIFAX**

Dog hung to death in tree: SPCA

PETS The Nova Scotia SPCA is asking for the public's assistance in finding the person or persons responsible for killing a dog by hanging the large-breed animal in a tree with a three-prong plug.

The dog was later found in a pile of snow.

"The dog was cut down but left with the cord around his neck, which shows us that the killers actually watched him die

Tips sought

- Investigations committee chair Sean Kelly encourages anyone with information to come forward by contacting the Nova Scotia SPCA.

then cut him down," said Sean Kelly, chair of the investigations committee. "It's simply tragic."

METRO HALIFAX

Two not guilty of shooting deaths outside nightclub

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Nathaniel Sparks and Jerrell Johnston have been found not guilty of the shooting deaths of two North Preston men in December 2006.

After a month-long trial, a Nova Scotia Supreme Court jury acquitted the men of the two second-degree murder charges each were facing.

Johnston, however, was found guilty of attempted murder in the shooting of Vantino Beals that same night. He will be sentenced on May 12.

On Dec. 10, 2006, Brandon Beals, 21, and Martaze Provo, 25, were shot to death outside an after-hours club on Upper Partridge River Road. The murders shocked the North Preston community



Jerrell Johnston walks out of a courtroom at the Supreme Court earlier this month. Johnston and Nathaniel Sparks were found not guilty of second-degree murder in the slayings of Martaze Provo and Brandon Beals. Johnston was found guilty of attempting to murder Vantino Beals.

and prompted an anti-violence march early in 2007.

The Crown argued Provo, Brandon Beals and Vantino Beals walked away from a confrontation with Sparks and Johnston, who were armed.

But defence lawyers Patrick MacEwen and Kevin Burke said the Crown's case relied heavily on the testimony of Vantino Beals, who had been drinking heavily that night.

Fire destroys unoccupied farm house

BLAZE Five fire departments were on scene in the wee hours on Thursday morning fighting a blaze that destroyed an unoccupied farm house.

East River St. Mary's fire department chief Ian Gunn said they received a call at 2:23 a.m. for a fully engulfed structure fire at 2266 Sherbrooke Rd.

The East River St. Mary's department received aid from the Blue Mountain, Thorburn, St. Mary's District and Sherbrooke fire departments.

Gunn said the home was destroyed and the fire is under investigation.

METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

WEAPONS Halifax Regional Police allegedly found a loaded handgun on an 18-year-old man they arrested for drug possession on Creighton Street Wednesday night. He's now facing weapons charges.

ASSAULT Investigators are looking for five or six men who assaulted an 18-year-old Wednesday on Herring Cove Road at 9:40 p.m. The group stole his wallet and jacket and hit him in the face. The victim was treated in hospital for non-life-threatening facial injuries.

DRUGS A 20-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman were arrested Wednesday night after police found a "large quantity" of drugs and cash in their car on Maplehurst Drive in Dartmouth. The two were pulled over during a routine traffic stop. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Watch CBC boss considers selling off assets to survive economic downturn at metronews.ca/canada
Read the Metro Snapshot to find out what you need to know.



Going loonie over DVDs

Halifax Public Libraries to cut fines in half for late returns

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Metro Halifax

If you've ever shelled out a few toonies for a late library DVD, the library has some good news for you.

Starting March 30, it's cutting fines for late DVDs in half, to a loonie per day. You'll also be able to borrow DVDs for a week, instead of three days.

Also, any items you borrow from the library will either be for one week or three weeks.

Francisca Goldsmith, director of branch services for Halifax Public Libraries, said library staff was having a hard time explaining the difference between three-day DVD loans, seven-day Rapid Read loans, and the standard 21-day loan.

People usually visit the library weekly, Goldsmith said. If an item is due in three days instead of seven, many people can't get it back in time.

"It's a problem in libraries



Francisca Goldsmith, director of branch services for Halifax Public Libraries, holds a stack of books and DVDs yesterday at the Alderney Gate library.

throughout North America. People get scared if they owe money, particularly young people," Goldsmith said.

She said some children with late items weren't coming back to the library at all.

"If you're 12, you've got three DVDs and they're two days overdue, you'll get nervous. We were losing inordinate numbers of young borrowers."

Some other fines are go-

Fines

New fines starting March 30:

- DVDs: \$1 daily (down from \$2)
- Rapid Read books: \$1 daily (from \$2)
- High-demand books: \$1 daily (from \$0.25)
- Children's books: \$0.10 daily (same)
- Adult books: \$0.25 daily (same)

ing up. High-demand items — anything with more than five holds on it — will start accruing \$1 daily fines, instead of \$0.25, at the end of March. But Rapid Reads — popular bestsellers the library puts out on a special display for anyone lucky enough to pop in when the book is there — will see their fines drop to \$1.

Goldsmith expects the library will collect its usual \$635,000 in fines and fees this year, despite the changes. It loaned four million items in 2008.

School board worried about missed classes

Strait Regional School Board officials are concerned about the amount of class time lost due to weather-related cancellations this year and are asking principals to ensure their schools make the best use of instructional time.

There have been eight days this school year when classes have been cancelled region-wide in Inverness, Richmond, Antigonish and Guysborough counties due to weather. That's up three days from the same point last year. There have been additional closures at individual schools due to weather, power outages or water breaks.

"This year has been more difficult than the last few years," Supt. Jack Beaton said.

During a meeting with principals last week, board officials discussed the need to ensure that class time is focused on delivering the public school program.

"Every day we miss, it's absolutely a concern. We have kids that will be writing Nova Scotia exams in June and they have to be prepared to write those exams," Supt. Jack Beaton have to find a way to cover those outcomes."

Beaton noted the board doesn't have the power to extend the school day or the academic year in order to make up for lost time. School boards are bound by terms of collective agreements with teachers and other staff, the Education Act and the province's academic calendar.

CAPE BRETON POST

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Turkey Club Puts Out Challenge

As Chairman of the Turkey Club Society, I challenge all groups, organizations, businesses and individuals to help the Parker Street Emergency Fund.

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the **Bay**

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Halifax author Sue Goyette has won first prize — and \$6,000 — in the CBC Literary Awards for her poem *Outskirts*. Goyette was the only Atlantic Canadian author to win an award, although Munju Ravindra of Halifax was also nominated for “Going Solo” in the creative non-fiction category. **METRO HALIFAX**

Province makes ‘bold move’ on emissions

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It's being described as a “bold move” and a “major step” in the fight to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

A discussion paper released Thursday by the provincial government is being looked upon to help cap greenhouse gas and air-pollutant emissions. The government is looking for

citizens' comments on its plan to slash these emissions to 10 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020.

But some questions about the plan remain, such as how much it will cost. Environment Minister David Morse said switching over to renewable forms of energy will actually save people money. But he didn't have any numbers to back it up.

“I'm not able to give you a percentage or a number. But I am satisfied, based on

“I am satisfied, based on all the input we've had right across the province, that this is the way to go.”

Environment Minister David Morse

all the input we've had right across the province, that this is the way to go,” he said.

Morse has stated that he does expect Nova Scotia Power to raise its rates to help it meet the cap deadlines. But he said the intan-

gible costs associated with coal-fired energy outweigh the cheaper rates.

“We're looking at what is the most cost-effective way of powering the province. And we feel the climate change action plan answers that question,” he said

The opposition dismissed Thursday's release of the paper.

“The government describes the discussion paper as a ‘bold move.’ But for heaven's sake, it's a discussion paper,” said NDP environment critic Graham Steele.

The plan, announced in January, would cap emissions at 9.7 million tonnes in 2010, 8.8 million tonnes in 2015 and 7.5 million tonnes in 2020.



Environment Minister David Morse speaks with reporters in this January file photo.

Grits accuse Tories of playing waiting game

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A new home care program is paid for and ready to go, but the provincial Liberals are accusing the Tories of waiting until an election to get it going.

On Wednesday, Deputy Health Minister Cheryl Doiron confirmed at a public accounts committee meeting that the program was ready to go and just waiting for cabinet approval.

The program would provide extra compensation to people who take care of family members.

Liberal health critic Dave Wilson accused the Conservatives of sitting on the program so they could un-

veil it as an election plank.

“Why delay if the program is ready to go? Obviously the delay is there because they want to lay this out as a big, shiny item in their election platform which is coming up in the not-too-distant future,” Wilson said.

“It's pretty obvious to me that it's politics. They're playing politics with the lives of Nova Scotians.”

Health Minister Karen Casey denied the program was being delayed until an election. She said the government is waiting to work out tax issues to make sure recipients won't be negatively affected.

“(We're making) sure that the allowance we give for that to happen has no impact on the recipients' level of income,” Casey said.

“If someone's income is going to be impacted ... we need to know what that implication is.”



Karen Casey

Clarke backs tougher anti-gang legislation

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Provincial Justice Minister Cecil Clarke is in favour of tougher anti-gang legislation, despite criticism by some criminologists.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is in Vancouver to bring forward a new bill that would make any gang-related homicide a case of first-degree murder.

Criminologists have at-

tacked the bill as being mostly political and ineffective in deterring gang violence. But Clarke said he believes it will help cut down gang violence.

“I think it's going to be a positive thing. First and foremost it's about the deterrent factor that we're hoping will be achieved as a result of stiffer legislation.”

Cecil Clarke, justice minister

“There's been frustration with the type of sentences being brought forward.”



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Owners wouldn't oppose 'pay-before-you-pump' law

On Blair Selig's first day at Blair Ross' Ultramar station in New Glasgow, someone pulled a gas-and-dash. That was a year ago. It didn't happen again until the new year. Since then, Blair's Ultramar has been victimized four times by people gassing up and driving off without paying. Each time it's been at least \$20 worth of gas.

“Small garage owners are getting killed financially. I'm surprised that the government hasn't looked at this yet,” said Selig, the station's manager.

A Nova Scotia legisla-

ture committee heard from the executive director of the Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Nova Scotia, who said that the association's members aren't lobbying for a “pay-before-you-pump law,” but they wouldn't oppose it.

British Columbia enacted such a law in February 2008 after the 2005 death of a gas station employee who was run over by someone who wouldn't pay for \$12.30 in gas.

Bill Hughes of Hughes Abercrombie Shell said the last episode his station had was back around Christmas. There were six or seven in the year before that. The largest amount they've been taken for was \$76.

NEW GLASGOW EVENING NEWS

Inmates go to court over bird death

Two inmates charged with killing a bird protected under the Migratory Birds Regulations will have their day in court in September after entering not-guilty pleas in provincial court this week.

Terrance Dixon, 19,

and Gary Leigh Sloan, 27, are both charged with one count each of causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or bird under the Criminal Code.

The incident occurred Oct. 5 when officers at the Springhill Institution allegedly witnessed two inmates capture and kill a seagull by stomping on its neck.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

Online seller foils money-order fraud attempt

When Derek Gullison listed his used car for sale on a popular Internet marketing website, he received way more than he bargained for.

The Tatamagouche resident accepted an offer from a buyer willing to purchase his 2000 Dodge Neon listed on www.kiji.com for \$1,250.

About two weeks later, an international money order arrived in the amount of \$4,500 with instructions to send the excess funds to a shipping company in France.

The unknown buyer

had corresponded by email only, never gave his name and always referred to the car as an item.

Gullison said the buyer told him he owned a shipping company and arrangements would be made to pick up the car. “It makes you mad,” said Gullison, who is still in possession of the used Neon.

“We had a whole bunch of hits on it. I could have sold the car, but this guy said he was sending a money order, so I turned down the other offer.”

He sent an email to the

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Derek Gullison

buyer to get information to return the mail order, but received a reply without that information and was told to cash it anyway and take \$150 for his troubles.

Gullison did not cash it and called PhoneBusters to report the incident.

He wasn't surprised to

hear they were familiar with the name on the money order, Irina Pankratov.

Anyone who feels they are a victim of fraud can call Phone Busters at 1-888-495-8501 or the local RCMP detachment at 893-6820.

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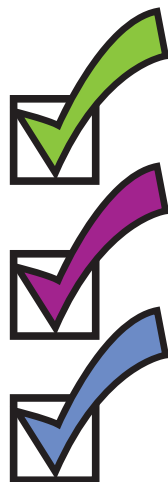
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The province signed a new seven-year contract for the Bluenose, Nova Scotia's sailing ambassador, at a ceremony this week in Lunenburg. **METRO HALIFAX**

Nova Scotia group primed for ECMAs

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The East Coast Music Awards will be handed out Sunday night in Corner Brook, N.L., and Nova Scotia's The Tom Fun Orchestra is up for three prizes.

The sprawling ensemble has been around since 2005 and recorded *You Will Land With a Thud*, its first full CD, last January. It's up for Rising Star Recording of the Year, Alternative Recording of the Year and the single *Watchmaker* is up for Video of the Year.

Metro Halifax caught up with the group earlier this week as it wrapped up a cross-country tour in Quebec.

"Right now, it feels bloated and pasty, but in general, it feels really good," singer Ian MacDougall joked when asked about the band's reaction to the nominations. "(The tour) went amazingly well," he added.

The eight-piece group is making the 14-hour journey to Corner Brook in the 15-person van it recently purchased.

"It's covered in NASCAR stickers. We're hoping that Dale Earnhardt would come do one of our shows one of these days," MacDougall joked, before an-



Cape Breton's The Tom Fun Orchestra has three nominations for Sunday's East Coast Music Awards in Corner Brook, N.L.

Multiple noms

Artists or bands from Nova Scotia with multiple nominations for Sunday's East Coast Music Awards in Corner Brook, N.L.:

- Five: Gordie Sampson, Matt Mays & El Torpedo
- Four: Jill Barber
- Three: The Tom Fun Orchestra, Christina Martin
- Two: Bette & Wallet, Chad Hatcher, Dave Carroll, Hot Toddy, J.D. Clarke, Joel Plaskett Emergency, Max MacDonald, MIR, Troy MacGillivray & Shane Cook.

other member of the orchestra informed him the veteran racer has been dead for eight years.

The Sydney-based group made the *Watchmaker*

video with Halifax filmmaker Christopher Ball. Ball was intrigued by the band's unusual sound — think a Celtic Tom Waits — and approached them to do the video.

"He was pretty eager to work with us. It was pretty cool," MacDougall said.

After the award show the band is going to lay low in Cape Breton for a while before heading back on the road.

"For the foreseeable future, it's going to be a lot more time in the van," MacDougall said.

"There's eight people in the van, so it's definitely not lucrative. I guess we do it for a reason.

"We must have fun — we certainly don't make any money."

Residents losing confidence in police department, report finds

Charlottetown residents are losing confidence in their police department and morale within the force itself is low, says a report on police services in the Island capital.

The City of Charlottetown commissioned a full review of the Charlottetown Police Department last September to deal with growing demands for more police services.

"We believe that the CPS is increasingly isolated from the community it serves. We conclude that while the CPS is present in the community, it is not a meaningful part of the community," the report, by Verheul and Associates, says. It says calls aren't returned and residents don't see police except on "tick-eting binges."

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Report by Verheul and Associates

presently at risk. Because confidence begets credibility, which then determines legitimacy, we conclude that the challenge before the CPS is serious."

Verheul and Associates interviewed 65 people, 34 external stakeholders and

31 inside the force.

It reviewed everything from sick leave, overtime, file allocation, workload, data for the PROS file occurrence system, a selection of investigative files and talked to some complainants.

The report indicates Charlottetown police are providing a good level of service, have a strong relationship with the RCMP, corrections and probations and child and family Services, but there is considerable room for improvement in the quality of Crown briefs prepared for the Crown attorney's office. It also suggests the force establish a stronger intelligence wing.

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China bids to take over Calgary-based oil firm

China National Petroleum Corp. launched a \$443-million offer for Calgary-based Verenex Energy Inc. Thursday. **REUTERS**

Canada

Public libraries recession-friendly

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Canada

For a yearly fee of \$12, Calgary's Anne Stefanyshyn and her two daughters have limitless amounts of entertainment.

At least once a week they visit the Fish Creek Public Library in south Calgary. Stefanyshyn's three-year-old daughter Rayna takes part in a 45-minute story-time session that's at maximum registration, while Stefanyshyn reads to her other daughter.

Last year, the Calgary Public Library boasted record usage, with more than 15 million books, CDs and DVDs borrowed. This is up 1.1 million from 2007, and Gerry Meek, library di-

Riding the Recession

rector, attributes it to the recession.

Heather MacKenzie, branch manager at the Alderney Gate library in Dartmouth, N.S., a Halifax suburb, says library use was steadily increasing in the Halifax area even before the recession.

Now, she says, financial-planning workshops are proving more popular, and books on budgeting are "flying off the displays."

She expects the library's English as a second language, literacy tutoring, and job-search workshops to be more popular in tough eco-

nomic times, too.

While cities like Calgary charge a fee for library access, other cities across the country have access for free — but change may be afoot.

Halifax city staff recently warned council the budget is going to be tight this year, with cuts to services and tax hikes likely coming. Still, MacKenzie said the library has always had enough city funding that it doesn't need to charge for its services. The library doesn't charge a fee to get a library card, either.

"Looking at our community, we want to be as accessible as we possibly can. We've never needed to go down that road, and I'm certain we'd never want to."

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B.C. Campaigning for victims' rights



Darryl Brown, of Surrey, B.C., was critically injured and lost the pinky finger on his left hand during an unprovoked machete attack in 2006. His assailants have not been arrested and police say the incident has all the signs of a gang initiation rite. Brown campaigned this week for improvements to financial assistance to victims of crime.

News in brief

DISPUTE A tribunal has ruled for the U.S. in a dispute with Canada over a softwood lumber deal struck in 2006, the U.S. Trade Representative's office said Thursday. The decision requires Canada to fix its breach in the agreement within 30 days.

REPORT The federal Tories share blame for an Access to Information system on the brink of "crisis," a report by information commissioner Robert Marleau warns. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

RCMP admits errors over dead skier

MISTAKES The RCMP admitted Thursday that it was slow to start looking for a pair of lost skiers, one of whom died after the couple spent more than a week wandering in the Rocky Mountains.

Gilles Blackburn, 51, and his 44-year-old wife, Marie-Josée Fortin, skied out of bounds at a resort in the British Columbia town of Golden on Feb. 15, but were not found until Feb.

24. Fortin froze to death.

The skiers left a series of distress signals. On the first two occasions these were spotted and reported to authorities but the RCMP did not order a search. **REUTERS**

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The RCMP admits its reaction to lost skiers in B.C. was inadequate.

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World



Flight recorders probed

Investigators are examining the flight recorders from the Boeing 737-800 that crashed near Amsterdam on Wednesday. A reconstruction of the accident will be made in combination with data from the recorders and information gathered at the scene, Dutch Safety Board spokeswoman Sandra Groenendal said.

REUTERS

Drug war rages

Troops hit border towns to target gangs

Mexico is sending up to 5,000 new troops and federal police to the country's most violent city, where law and order is on the brink of collapse in a brutal war between drug gangs aided by corrupt police.

The army said on Thursday the new deployment could take the number of soldiers and federal police to over 7,000 in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas. This month drug hitmen killed 250 people in Juarez, where a meeting of cabinet members Wednesday was rattled by bomb scares.

"In yesterday's meeting (government officials) talked about sending 5,000

Heavy presence

- Army spokesperson Enrique Torres said there were 2,020 troops and 425 federal police in Ciudad Juarez, a city of around 1.6 million people.

troops and police to Ciudad Juarez," said army spokesman Enrique Torres. "They are expected to arrive in the next few weeks."

Drug trade analysts say those soldiers risk being overwhelmed by vicious drug gangs fighting over smuggling routes in league with corrupt city and state police.

President Felipe Calderon has sent out some 45,000

troops across Mexico to try to crush drug gangs, but clashes between rival cartels and security forces killed around 6,000 people last year. The U.S. is concerned the violence could spill over the border, escalating the conflict.

Mexico's most-wanted fugitive, Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman, who leads a cartel from the Pacific state of Sinaloa, wants control of Ciudad Juarez, currently in the hands of local drug lord Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, to traffic drugs into Texas.

Law and order in Ciudad Juarez is close to collapse as Guzman's hitmen seek to destroy the Juarez cartel's entire operation, drug experts say. **REUTERS**

Mexico City No bull from protesters



An activist holds a sign reading: "No more bullfighting!" while other activists pretend to be stabbed by baderillas during a protest against bullfighting at Mexico City's main square Thursday.

Obama's budget to push 2009 deficit to \$1.75 trillion

POLITICS U.S. President Barack Obama forecast the biggest U.S. deficit since the Second World War in a budget on Thursday that urges a costly overhaul of the health-care system and would spend billions to arrest the economy's freefall.

An eye-popping \$1.75 trillion US deficit for the 2009 fiscal year dominated attention as the Democratic president unveiled his first budget. That amounts to a 12.3 per cent share of the economy — the largest since 1945. In 2010, the deficit would dip to a still-

Shares tumble

- Shares in Sallie Mae, the largest student loan group in the U.S., fell sharply on Obama's proposal to shift all federal student loans into the so-called direct-loan program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

huge \$1.17 trillion.

The Republican opposition in Congress was quick to condemn a budget plan that pledges to expand health coverage. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ONLINE Facebook Inc. is asking its members to help shape its governance policies after drawing their ire for a policy change that many perceived as potentially compromising privacy. From now on, the social networking site will be guided by a set of principles that reflect its dedication to transparency and openness in communication, Facebook said Thursday.

CARIBBEAN French Prime Minister Francois Fillon said on Thursday security forces would maintain order on the Caribbean island of Martinique after youths clashed with police overnight in a protest over economic conditions. **REUTERS**

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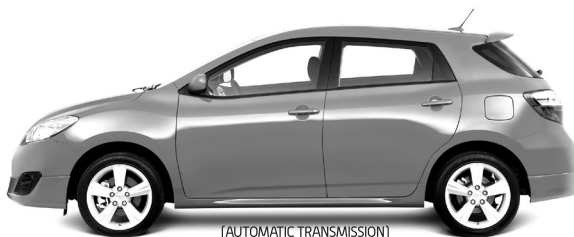


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Tracking history

Footprints show ancestor walked like modern human

Footprints found in Kenya that resemble those left in wet sand by beach-goers today show that 1.5 million years ago a human ancestor walked like we do with anatomically modern feet, scientists said Thursday.

The remains of the footprints found in sedimentary rock near Ileret in northern Kenya most likely were left by a human ancestor called Homo erectus, also known as Homo ergaster, an international team of scientists wrote in the journal Science.

The scientists found a series of footprints, including one apparently left by a child, left by individuals walking on a muddy river bank. Judging from stride length, they estimated the individuals were about five-foot-nine in height.

"It was kind of creepy ex-

cavating these things to see all of a sudden something that looks so dramatically like something that you yourself could have made 20 minutes earlier in some kind of wet sediment just next to the site," archaeologist David Braun of the University of Cape Town in South Africa, one of the researchers, said in a telephone interview.

"These could quite easily have been made on the beach today," Braun added.

The footprints show the individuals had a big toe parallel to the other toes, unlike that of other apes where it is separated in a grasping configuration useful in the trees.

The footprints also show a characteristic human-like arch and short toes, which are typically associated with an upright bipedal stance.

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Greek air disaster case heads to court in Cyprus

TRIAL Three people appeared in a Cyprus court on Thursday charged with involvement in a 2005 plane crash that killed 121 people in Greece's worst and most perplexing air disaster on record.

Executives of the privately owned Cypriot Helios Airways airline, which has suspended operations, and the airline itself face charges of manslaughter and of causing death through negligence in a highly charged case.

Investigators say lack of

oxygen knocked unconscious almost everyone on board the Helios Airways Boeing 737-300 flight travelling from Larnaca in Cyprus to Prague on Aug. 14, 2005.

It flew on autopilot for two hours before smashing into a hillside north of Athens from lack of fuel.

Three of four individuals facing charges made a brief appearance before a local magistrate on Thursday, as dozens of relatives clad in black held pictures of victims.

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Iran hits out at Obama team

UN Iran went on the offensive against the Obama administration Thursday, accusing Washington's new UN ambassador of making the "same tired" accusations against Iran as the Bush administration.

In a speech to the Securi-

ty Council during a session on Iraq, U.S. envoy Susan Rice reiterated charges of Iranian support for terrorism and attempts to develop nuclear weapons, saying the United States sought an end to both policies.

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News in brief

MEDICINE A drug being developed by Acorda Therapeutics Inc. helps some people with multiple sclerosis walk better, U.S. researchers said Thursday. Thirty-five per cent of MS patients who previously had

difficulty were able to improve their walking speed after taking fampridine for 14 weeks compared to eight per cent of those taking a placebo, according to the medical study.

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The trouble with fake guns

Marketplace

Erica Johnson



"Get your wallets, or I'll shoot her!" yelled the gunman, as he put his weapon to Pat Johnson's head. He'd just walked into the antique store she manages in Vancouver's swanky Shaughnessy district.

When he turned away, some colleagues tackled him to the ground, sending his weapon flying. But the gunman's arrest wasn't the end of the story. When officers picked up the gun for evidence, they learned it was an imitation — a BB gun, made to look just like

the real thing.

Of course, that didn't make it any less traumatic for Johnson. "A gun's a gun," she says. "And we were all terrified."

And it seems, that's what criminals are learning, too. Police across Canada say fake guns that look real are being used in more and more crimes. They're used in car-jackings, bank robberies and convenience store holdups, too.

And realistic-looking guns are causing problems in schools. In Toronto, there have recently been more incidents involving fake guns than the real thing.

So what's the attraction? Well, for one, young people tell us it's fun to shoot a BB gun that looks just like a cop's. And these fakes are

easy to buy. In most parts of Canada, there are no age requirements around who can buy a realistic-looking gun.

Manufacturers sure know the appeal of real-looking fakes — they're making buckets of money, by getting licensing agreements from the real gun manufacturers to make theirs as real as possible.

And criminals know that it's perfectly legal to carry a real-looking gun, and no permit's required to get one.

For the cops? It all spells big trouble. When they get a "gun call," they respond as though the person — young or old — is carrying a real gun. In Canada, that's led to unnecessary shoot-

ings and fatalities.

Over the years, numerous coroner's juries, and police at all levels have called on the federal government to tighten up the laws when it comes to these fake guns. Some cops want the imitations banned. Others want a "must be 18 to buy and possess" law. And others say you should have to have a licence to buy a gun that looks like the real deal.

The federal government says it's looking at the issue — a "working group" was struck two years ago.

While we wait for its recommendations, store manager Pat Johnson has installed tighter security at her shop, so now any "customers" have to be buzzed in.



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Views

Feds miss out on green opportunities

CleanBreak

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Creating sustainable solutions is like getting a triple-letter score in Scrabble. You are strategically making choices that give you triple benefits in the environment, economy, and health. When I went cruising through all 343 pages of the 2009 federal budget, I was thinking there are some of those 60 pointer ideas missing.

Some of the topics that I looked for included energy efficiency and security, renewable energy, drinking and waste water, sustainable transportation, biodiversity, green buildings, waste and emissions, and sustainable procurement.

I also had an eye out for strategic investment in communities that need it most. In the budget, there are some hopeful mentions in areas such as First Nations drinking and waste water infrastructure, contaminated sites, energy efficiency in homes, and sustainable transportation.

For me, one of the major themes was the missing examples.

In the brackets beside clean energy funds, I couldn't find a mention of renewable energy. This is a perfect time to invest in renewables — such as solar and wind — to help bring down energy costs and create home-grown manufacturing and trade jobs.

I fear Canada will lose out on the economic, ecological, and energy security advantage of renewables without initial strong investment and policy signals from government.

On the biodiversity front,

restorative forestry would help to capture greenhouse gases and enhance native biodiversity to support longer-term sustainable forest management and species recovery.

Restorative forestry could help to restore cultural values associated with our forests and be a good employment strategy across the country.

Active transportation infrastructure in urban and rural areas was not highlighted. Active transportation when you walk or bicycle to work, for example — is a clear triple benefit: it cuts air pollutants, saves you money, and gets you fit.

With the government investing wads of money to help the economy, now is the perfect time to strengthen government procurement policies to maximize

sustainability outcomes.

Finally, under green infrastructure, focused programs and policies on obtaining energy efficiency in institutional and commercial sectors is gold.

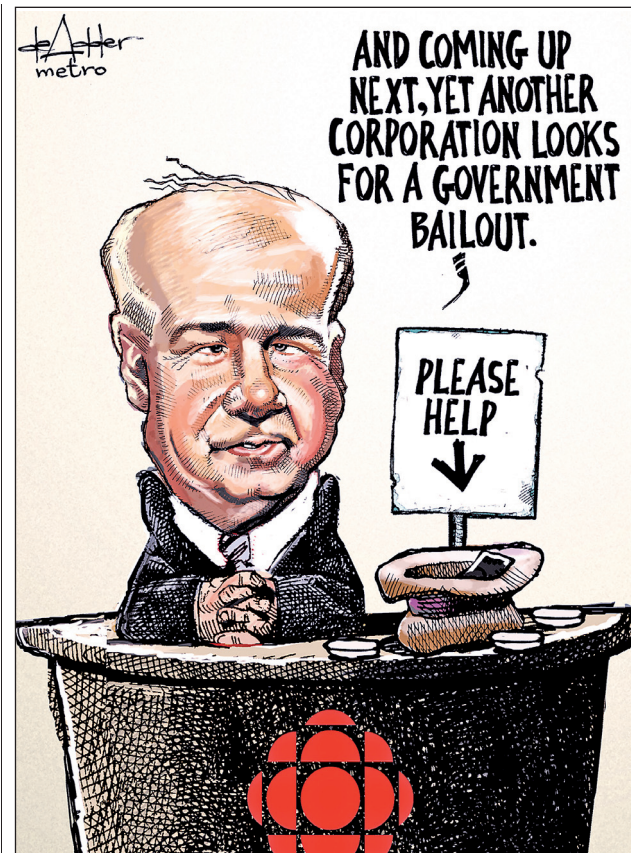
Energy efficiency can save up to 30 per cent or more on heat and electricity bills.

As the saying goes, the devil is in the details. When programs and policies get rolled out, it is here where criteria will shape funding investment. My hope would be that some of these examples will appear there.

You can check out the budget for yourself at www.budget.gc.ca.

Rochelle Owen has worked in the environment and sustainability field for more than 19 years. She currently works as the director of sustainability at Dalhousie University.

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Worth mentioning

Spit study offers health insight

Bacteria found in people's spit does not vary much around the world, a surprising finding that could provide insights into how diet and cultural factors affect human health, researchers said Thursday.

Because the human body harbours 10 times more bacterial cells than human cells, scientists are trying to understand more about the bacteria we carry.

The human mouth is a major gateway for bacteria into the body and it contains a diverse array of microbial species.

Yet scientists know little about this diversity and how it relates to diet, environment, health and disease, they added.

"We are interested in this because by studying the bacteria we can get more insights into human populations than we would get from just studying the human DNA," Mark Stoneking of the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, Germany, who led the study, said in a telephone interview.

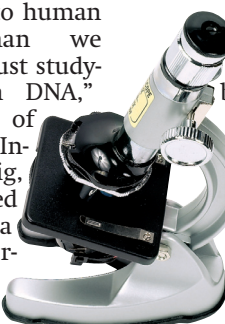
In their study

published in Genome Research, the team sequenced bacteria found in saliva samples taken from 120 healthy volunteers from North America, South America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.

Not surprisingly, they observed considerable diversity of bacterial life in the overall saliva microbiome, both within and between individuals.

But when comparing samples from different geographic areas they found not much variation, suggesting that bacteria within the mouth of a person's neighbour is likely to be just as different as someone on the other side of the world.

The findings could help better understand human migrations and populations as well as provide background for future studies looking at the influence of diet, cultural factors and disease on differences in saliva bacteria.



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CBC says it may cut some services

The cash-strapped CBC said Thursday it would look at reducing some services in its new fiscal year, starting April 1, including "downgrading" or selling some TV or radio services. The CBC says it is facing an advertising revenue shortfall of up to \$65 million.

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Business

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Nfld. Capital's Q4 results:

Dartmouth's Newfoundland Capital Corp. Ltd.'s revenue grew eight per cent to \$30 million in the fourth quarter and seven per cent to \$105.8 million for the year, due to a combination of new station launches and organic revenue increases. However, as a result of economic and stock market declines, the net loss in the fourth quarter was \$7.1 million. For the year, the net impact of investment losses as well as a goodwill impairment loss contributed to the net deficit of \$4.4 million.

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Demonstrators in Trollhaattan, Sweden, protest against the threat of job cuts at the Saab factory, a unit of General Motors.

GM posts \$31B loss for 2008

AUTOS General Motors Corp. posted a loss of nearly \$31 billion US Thursday for 2008 and said its auditors were likely to cast doubt on its viability as it seeks an expanded federal bailout to stay afloat.

Revenue plunged by more than a third to \$30.8 billion. The automaker burned through more than \$5 billion in the fourth

quarter and ended the year with \$14 billion in cash, including the first \$4 billion in loans it received from the U.S. Treasury.

GM, which asked for up to \$30 billion of U.S. government aid, also warned its pension plans were underfunded by about \$12.4 billion, raising the risk of a greater funding gap in the years ahead.

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Banks top forecasts

Three of Canada's largest banks reported quarterly profits Thursday that were hit hard by market-related charges, but their shares rallied as underlying results excluding one-time items beat street expectations.

Royal Bank of Canada, the country's biggest lender, posted a 15 per cent drop in quarterly profit as writedowns related to seized-up credit markets and other items cut earnings by \$646 million.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce said it returned to profit in its first

Executive pay

- National Bank of Canada, RBC and CIBC have agreed to give shareholders a say in determining what top executives get paid.

quarter, even as it was hit by \$1.36 a share in losses, including a \$708 million loss tied to structured credit activities.

National Bank of Canada said its first-quarter profit fell 73 per cent as it took charges of \$184 million related to the asset-backed commercial paper market,

another victim of the global credit crunch.

Toronto-Dominion Bank kicked off Canada's bank reporting season Wednesday with stronger-than-expected results that boosted its stock and shares of other banks.

Shares of Thursday's three reporting banks rallied, with Royal rising 4.8 per cent to \$31.43. CIBC rose 3.9 per cent to \$44.97 and National Bank rose 6.4 per cent to \$36.56. As a result, the bank-heavy financials index on the Toronto Stock Exchange rose more than five per cent.

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Business in brief

DRUGS Biovail Corp. reported quarterly results that topped expectations yesterday and said it is considering a move by founder Eugene Melnyk to

nominate new board members and change some corporate governance provisions.

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shares sank almost 10 per cent yesterday as it posted a quarterly loss of \$211.2 million and said its chief executive was stepping down.

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U.S. food sales to Cuba seen boosted by pending law
Pending U.S. legislation aimed at easing the trade embargo against Cuba should boost food sales to the island, experts say. **REUTERS**

Obama seeks an end to oil, gas tax breaks

U.S. President Barack Obama's budget outline calls for eliminating substantial tax breaks and increasing fees for the oil and natural gas industry.

Obama's plan, which must still be approved by Congress, would levy an excise tax on Gulf of Mexico oil and gas that would provide the government with \$5.3 billion US in revenue from 2011 to 2019.

Greener energy

• Obama's budget includes more than \$50 billion US in increased funding to assess alternative energy resources and bolster clean energy development.

The new tax would close a loophole that the administration says has given oil

companies excessive royalty relief. It would also place a fee on nonproducing energy leases on federal lands expected to raise \$1.2 billion between 2010 to 2019.

The tax breaks Obama intends to repeal include the manufacturing tax credit, the enhanced oil recovery tax credit and the marginal well tax credit.

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Wall Street rates poorly for ethics, honesty in U.S. poll

FINDINGS Americans hold a dim view of business executives, giving them poor grades for honesty and ethics and blaming them for business failures, according to a survey released yesterday.

Nearly 60 per cent gave the worst grades to Wall Street executives for honesty and ethical practices, according to research conducted by the Marist Col-

lege Institute for Public Opinion in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The poll, commissioned by the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal and charitable organization, questioned 2,071 U.S. adults and 110 business executives.

Among the executives, only 19 per cent gave themselves poor grades for leadership.

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U.S. charities fear tax law change

DONATIONS Under a new plan announced in President Barack Obama's budget, deductions on charitable contributions for people earning \$250,000 a year or more would be limited to 28 per cent, down from the current 35 per cent. Charities that provide services to people hurt by the recession fear that this change could be a disincentive to some donors.

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Vick to finish sentence at home

Michael Vick will be allowed to serve the last two months of his federal prison sentence for bankrolling a dog-fighting ring under home confinement because there is no room at a halfway house for him, a U.S. government official said Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

"I'm Madonna's fan. I was hoping she'd show up."



U.S. World Baseball Classic manager Davey Johnson, on how he hoped Alex Rodriguez would play for the U.S. rather than the Dominican Republic in the upcoming tournament. On Thursday, Rodriguez was told by the New York Yankees to keep his cousin Yuri Sucart away from ballparks. Rodriguez previously identified Sucart as the cousin who provided him with performance-enhancing drugs. After Wednesday's Grapefruit League game against Toronto, Sucart was seen picking up Rodriguez from Dunedin Stadium in an SUV. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Three in a row for Leafs

NHL RESULT

Leafs 5 Islanders 4 (SO)



Tim Stapleton delivered the shootout winner in his NHL debut as the Toronto Maple Leafs edged the New York Islanders 5-4 Thursday.

Nik Antropov, Dominic Moore, Ian White and Pavel Kubina each scored for the Maple Leafs, who were coming off a home-and-home sweep of the New York Rangers. Jason Blake and Mikhail Grabovski both collected two assists, while Vesa Toskala finished with 40 saves.

Sean Bergenheim, Jon Sim, Dean McAmmond and Mark Streit found the net for the Islanders, who have lost nine of their last 11 games.

Pictou's Joey MacDonald made 29 stops for New York, which rallied from a two-goal deficit late in the third period.

Streit faked a shot and slid the puck between Toskala's pads to make it 4-3 with 8:31 remaining. The Toronto netminder then had Sim's high wrister



Toronto Maple Leafs forward Nikolai Kulemin attempts to deflect a shot goal past Islanders goalie Joey MacDonald of Bayview, Pictou Co., Thursday night.

skip off top of his catching glove, tying the contest with 3:07 to play.

The game went to overtime, the fifth-straight contest Toronto has played beyond regulation (3-0-2), and ultimately was decided in a shootout.

New York's Frans Nielsen

was the first participant in the extra segment and his bid caught iron. After MacDonald turned away Nikolai Kulemin, Jeff Tambellini beat Toskala with a sizzling wrister from the high slot and Blake scored off a nifty spin-o-rama.

METRO NEWS SERVICES**Sports in brief**

MLB North Vancouver, B.C., native Scott Richmond pitched two shutout innings in a 6-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater, Fla., Thursday, helping earn the Toronto Blue Jays their first Grapefruit League win of the spring.

NHL The Montreal Canadiens acquired defenceman Doug Janik Thursday from the Dallas Stars in exchange for forward Steve Begin. Janik has spent the majority of the season in the AHL.

NHL The Pittsburgh Penguins traded forward Ryan Whitney to Anaheim Thursday for forward Chris Kunitz and prospect Eric Tangradi.

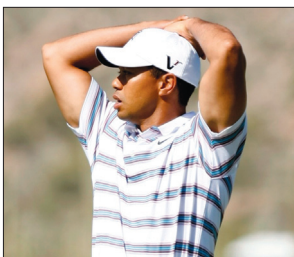
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Tiger out in second round

GOLF A day after his hotly-anticipated return to the PGA Tour, Tiger Woods made a premature exit from the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship after being upset 4&2 by South African Tim Clark Thursday.

The top seed and defending champion, who had been sidelined by a knee injury after winning his 14th major title at the U.S. Open in June, surrendered an early one-hole advantage in the second round before losing on the 16th green.

Clark, world-ranked 33rd, had not reached the third round in five previous appearances at the event, but outclassed the game's lead-



Tiger Woods reacts Thursday.

ing player with a flawless six-birdie display.

Woods's unexpected departure left the opening World Golf Championships (WGC) event of the year with just one of the Top 5 seeds, fifth-ranked Phil Mickelson having squeezed through for the second day in a row.

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x-Saint John	29	26	4	62	Halifax	8	7	533		Vermont	8	6	571	
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Mooseheads stay in race

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The Halifax Mooseheads aren't packing it in just yet.

The Mooseheads picked up two huge points Thursday night at the Metro Centre with a 4-2 win over the P.E.I. Rocket, moving to within three points of a QMJHL playoff spot.

In a game with near playoff intensity, the Herd worked hard and cranked it up even more after Gabriel Desjardins' short-handed game-winner at 13:18 of the second period.

"That's what we need," said winger Eric Louis-Seize. "We need to have the kill-or-be-killed mentality right now."

The line of Desjardins, Alexis Piette and Yuri Cheremetiev did much of the offensive damage for Halifax. Piette and Cheremetiev scored in the first and the Desjardins winner came after back-to-back goals by P.E.I.'s Benjamin Casavant.

Linden Bahm tallied in to an empty net with 14.6 seconds left.

One of the keys to the game was Halifax's penalty killing. The Mooseheads killed off seven of eight



PEI forward Chris Doyle dumps Mooseheads forward Jessyko Bernard into the Rocket bench during the second period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre.

power plays, including two in the final 10 minutes of the third on a Jan Stransky roughing minor and a Justin Pender check from behind.

"We kept our cool and

shut them down," said Louis-Seize.

Among Mark Yetman's 29 stops was the save of the game — perhaps even the save of the year — on Lower Sackville's Ben

Duffy on the power play with nine minutes to go. Yetman was belly-down on the ice, but somehow got his glove up to rob Duffy, who thought he had a wide-open net.

"We need to have the kill-or-be-killed mentality right now."

Eric Louis-Seize, Mooseheads forward

"That was the save of the game," Louis-Seize said. "We said, 'We can't lose the game now after a save like that.'"

The last-place Mooseheads, 17-37-3-3, have 40 points with eight games remaining. They must pass two of the following teams to move into a playoff spot: Lewiston (42 points, seven games remaining), Baie-Comeau (43 points, nine games remaining) and Val-d'Or (43 points, seven games remaining).

The job continues Friday at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre, with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles visiting. The Mooseheads will wear Nova Scotia Voyageurs replica jerseys. They hit the road Sunday for a rematch with the Rocket.

On the web

For more coverage of the Mooseheads, visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at www.metronews.ca/qfiles

'Once-in-a-lifetime chance' for Tigers

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BASKETBALL Kelly Donald came back to Dalhousie for one reason: To win an Atlantic University Sport championship.

The fifth-year guard, who is back after a one-year hiatus, is hoping to help the Tigers raise their first AUS women's basketball banner since 2001 at Dalplex this weekend.

Donald, a former first-team all-star, has fallen short at the tournament four times, watching the Memorial Sea-Hawks and Cape Breton Capers dominate the event. Memorial has five titles since 2001. Cape Breton has the other two.

"I feel I've accomplished all of my individual goals, but the main goal that everyone fights for, and only one team gets, is to win a championship," Donald said.

"This is my last chance to win it and if I don't, it's always going to be in the back of my mind, looking back and wondering about

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Friday

Quarter-finals

- (6) Acadia vs. (3) Dalhousie, 6 p.m.
- (5) UNB vs. (4) St. F.X., 8 p.m.

Saturday

Semifinals

- TBD vs. (2) Cape Breton, 6 p.m.
- TBD vs. (1) Memorial, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Championship, 2 p.m.

the moment."

That's the case for many of Dal's key contributors. This could be the swan song for first-team all-star guard Jenna Kaye and second-team all-star centre Laurie Girdwood, not to mention Donald, Brianna Orr and Leah Girdwood.

But that experience will be key for the Tigers, who finished third in the regular season with a 14-6 record.

They missed a chance at a quarter-final bye and now must play three games in three days if they want to raise the AUS banner.

"When the game is on the line, I think those (veteran) players will step up," said Donald, whose Tigers open against the sixth-

ranked Acadia Axewomen on Friday at 6 p.m.

The Tigers went 1-3 against first-ranked Memorial and 2-2 against second-ranked Cape Breton. The only other team they lost to was the fourth-ranked St. Francis Xavier X-Women (14-6) on the final day of the regular season. They enjoyed a 10-game winning streak as part of a 12-1 run at mid-season.

The last time the Tigers hosted the tournament — in 2001 — they won. Factoring in the talent on her team and home-court advantage, Donald said that not only is this her last shot at a championship, it's also her best.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance," she said.



Kelly Donald and her Dalhousie Tiger teammates will be aiming for an Atlantic University Sport championship this weekend.

Rainmen look to break out of slump

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BASKETBALL The Halifax Rainmen will look to get back in the win column against the revamped Montreal Sasquatch.

The Rainmen, who have lost back-to-back games and four of their last six, visit the Sasquatch on Friday at 8:30 p.m. With five games left in the Premier Basketball League season, the Rainmen (8-7) are chasing a wildcard playoff spot.

The Rainmen trail Wilmington (9-4), Vermont (8-6) and Augusta (7-5) for a spot in the wildcard play-in game.

Montreal was kicked out of the PBL earlier this month because of payroll issues but was reinstated after a new ownership took over. Several players, including top scorers Randy Gill, John Ruffus and Jamaal Wise, ended up signing elsewhere.

Montreal has a 3-8 record but has been blown out in two outings since being readmitted to the PBL.

Reggie George, a six-foot-10 centre, will make his debut with the Rainmen after signing on Monday.

In other news, the Mid-Michigan Destroyers have suspended operations, reducing the PBL to a 12-team circuit. The Destroyers, who had a 2-11 record, are not on Halifax's schedule.

Sports in brief

AUS FOOTBALL Halifax's James Green, a running back with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, and Saint Mary's Huskies wide receiver Darcy Brown were among the 50 players invited to the Canadian Football League evaluation camp from March 6 to 8 in Toronto. The camp is a scouting opportunity for teams in preparation for the CFL draft on May 2.

HOCKEY Former Halifax Mooseheads enforcer Kevin Cormier has been suspended for two games and fined an undisclosed amount by the East Coast Hockey League. The New Jersey Devils prospect and Trenton Devils forward was being punished for a "deliberate attempt to injure."

UNIVERSIADE Kori Cheverie of the Saint Mary's Huskies will play for gold Friday with the Canadian women's hockey team at the 24th Winter Universiade in Harbin, China. Canada beat Slovakia 10-1 in the semifinal. **METRO HALIFAX**

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The unknown Watchmen

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When it came to filling the boots of The Watchmen's various superheroes, director Zack Snyder took some potentially commercially ruinous risks — casting a lot of actors that are relatively unknown to Hollywood's big blockbuster films.

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Jonas Brothers 3-D flick strictly for little tween girls.

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Blanchett joins Robin Hood

Cate Blanchett is to play Maid Marian opposite Russell Crowe's Robin Hood in a new movie about the medieval hero. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button star will replace Sienna Miller in the epic, which will be directed by Ridley Scott. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Behind the masks

Director Snyder avoids big names in Watchmen

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



When it came time to fill the platform boots of Watchmen's various morally ambiguous superheroes, director Zack Snyder took some potentially commercially ruinous risks.

Big names like Tom Cruise had been long bandied about, but that level of baggage-bringing star power didn't sit well with the controversial filmmaker, so instead, he opted to cast a slew of critically celebrated but lesser known artists.

This meant bringing actors to the fold who weren't known for donning latex tights and navigating tricky special effects; people like Billy Crudup (Almost Famous), Oscar-nominated former child star Jackie Earle Haley (Little Children), Matthew Goode (Match Point), Patrick Wilson (Hard Candy) and Malin Akerman (The Heartbreak Kid).

Not exactly the roster you expect for a comic book film — it opens next Friday — but then again, dismissing Alan Moore's graphic novel as just a comic book is like calling Crime and Punishment a thriller.

"None of us wanted to veer too far away from the source material, because it's



Graphic novel Watchmen's reluctant superheroes come to life on the silver screen next Friday.

perfect as it was," says Akerman, who plays the central role of Laurie, a.k.a. Silk Spectre II.

The more or less faithfully adapted film sees a battered, bizarre version of mid-'80s America, still in the grip of the Cold War and littered with masked vigilantes whose personal and social problems leak out into their crime fighting work.

"These are people who are convinced they are doing the right thing," says Haley, who plays the film's most unbalanced character, the mask-and-fedora wearing Rorschach. "Rorschach is a product of his childhood, his upbringing and even though he's psychotic, he's not a bad person."

One of the pivotal figures in Watchmen is the not-

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quite-human Dr. Manhattan, a former scientist who gets disintegrated in a lab mishap only to re-particulate as a blue tinted, physically amorphous superman.

And while that description doesn't seem much like the handsome, unassuming Billy Crudup, with the aid of special effects, he had little trouble filling Manhattan's supernatural shoes. "I've had people ask me how much of the performance is me," says the actor of his digitally tweaked turn. "It was basically all mine. Sure, there was this puppet version of me in the computer, an exact replica of me that's a different hue, but I was wired to it and had complete

control of every facial tick and physical nuance."

But while Haley may focus on the less negative psychological aspects of the Watchmen, co-star Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who plays the effortlessly homicidal Comedian, has a different take. "If these guys weren't on the streets trying to save people, they'd all be in prison ... or worse," Morgan says.

Waltz offers distinct journey

Waltz With Bashir

Director: Ari Folman

Classification: STC

Rating: ★★★★★

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada



REVIEW The Israeli animated feature Waltz with Bashir is a war movie that resists easy categorization.

Writer-director Ari Folman, who served in the Israeli army, examines the traumatic aftermath of the 1982 Lebanese War where Palestinians, in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, were massacred by Lebanon's Christian Phalangist militia.

Although the Israeli command were not directly responsible for the killings, they provided cover for the Phalangists to attack.

The murders were perpetrated following the assassination of Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel.

Waltz with Bashir doesn't delve into the political

dynamics of the war, but it does something more distinct.

Folman takes the viewer on a psychological journey into the tormented and vacant memories of Israeli soldiers who haven't been quite the same since they abetted those horrors two decades earlier.

Folman goes beneath the reported facts and details into the harrowing experiences of young soldiers still trying to sort out memory from nightmare.

Although the use of animation is somewhat suggestive of pictures like Persepolis, this film isn't quite so stylistically self-conscious.

The sickly, hallucinatory images in Bashir unfold out of Folman's own growing awareness of his personal participation in the bloody war's aftermath.

Besides being a boldly original memoir, Waltz with Bashir is an evocative, compelling picture that searches for truth just as passionately as it yearns for it.



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A scene from Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience.

Jonas strictly for tweens

Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience
Director: Bruce Hendricks
Stars: Joe Jonas, Nick Jonas
Classification: G
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Do you know that TV ad where a thirtysomething guy is asked if he wants to experience something “youthful”?
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suddenly the slackjawed chap slips into some surreal flashback set to bad pop music only to snap out of it and pronounce he’ll stick with his Diet Pepsi. Well, unless you’re a 12-year-old girl, watching Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience is a bit like that.

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca/movies for images from Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience and for local screen times.

Even at 76 minutes, this concert film starring today’s hottest Disney-mined pop act is a pretty laboured sit for anyone who doesn’t appreciate the unbridled adulation of youthful screaming in their ears or bland, indistinctive pop songs that blend into each other like soft cheese melting in a fondue pot.

Directed by Bruce Hendricks (who successfully put the same treatment on a Miley Cyrus concert last year), this film mixes the boys’ stage performance (who are more interesting when they’re practising gymnastics on stage than performing music) with random backstage antics — which seem almost as choreographed as the

cookie-cutter concert.

Even the 3-D isn’t used as effectively as it could be. Sure, every so often a guitar pick is thrown in your face but even that had to be enhanced by computer effects.

Then again, it doesn’t really matter what I say — this movie wasn’t made for me. It’s for the thousands of energetic tweens that plaster their bedroom walls with Joe Jonas posters. For those girls, the trio’s non-threatening stage swagger and duets with fellow teen idols Demi Lovato and Taylor Swift will be completely gratifying.

As for accompanying parents, well, I say enjoy it too. In about two more years, that little darling might be listening to Marilyn Manson.

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Video game films have evolved

InFocus

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If someone told my 13-year-old self that Hollywood was going to make a film out of my favorite video game I would have been perplexed. I loved Pong, but couldn’t imagine that it would make an exciting movie. Tetris maybe, but not Pong.

Times and technology certainly have changed. The prehistoric blips of light that characterized the video games I played have been replaced by games with storylines and three-dimensional characters called avatars. With improved quality came a proliferation of video game movies like this weekend’s Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li.

Video game movies get a bad rap — critic Nick Schager called House of the Dead an “astonishingly idiotic piece of entertain-

ment”— but not all of them are, as another critic said, “as bad as getting your eyelid caught on a nail.”

The first video game movie was 1982’s TRON, about a hacker abducted into computer world. Since then dozens of games have made the leap to the big screen. Mortal Kombat (released in 1995) only scores 24 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes but this Christopher Lambert movie about three martial artists whose skills will decide the fate of the world topped the box office for three weeks, features lots of great cheesy dialogue like, “You can look into my soul, but you don’t own it,” and has some good fight scenes.

Hardcore gamers will have already seen those adaptations, but fear not, there are some interesting sounding movies on the way. 28 Days Later scribe Alex Garland is penning Halo, and Tom (The Sum of All Fears) Clancy is involved in bringing Splinter Cell to the big screen.

- Read Metro on Monday for a review of Street Fighters.

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Balaban's Week of grand Canadiana

ROBYN YOUNG
 for Metro Canada



FEATURE One week after wrapping production of Canadian film *One Week*, Liane Balaban jetted off to London to play Dustin Hoffman's daughter in *Last Chance Harvey*.

She went from the campy directorial stylings of

Michael McGowan straight to the glitz and glamour of a big Hollywood production. But the funny thing, said the 28-year-old with a laugh, was that *Last Chance Harvey* was Hoffman's low-budget project.

"They had T-shirts made up that said LCH (*Last Chance Harvey*) LBF (*Low Budget Film*)," said Balaban,

who first appeared on the Canadian movie scene in 1999's *New Waterford Girl*.

She played 15-year-old Mooney Pottie in the critically acclaimed film about a young girl stifled by her upbringing in a small, Cape Breton coal-mining town.

Since then, she's acted in a range of productions including *Definitely, Maybe* with Ryan Reynolds; *Happy Here and Now* with David Arquette; and she just completed filming *Coach* with Hugh Dancy.

At the same time, she's held tight to her Canadian

roots, finishing a political science degree at Concordia University, studying journalism at Ryerson and residing — for the most part — in Montreal with her fiancé, author and journalist Adam Gollner.

In *One Week*, Balaban plays Samantha Pierce, the fiancée of Ben Taylor (Joshua Jackson), who is diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and given little time to live. The Dawson's Creek star's character spontaneously buys an \$8,000 motorcycle and begins a journey across Cana-



Joshua Jackson and Liane Balaban star in *One Week*.

da before giving in to his illness and inevitable treatment.

What struck Balaban most about the film was that so much came out of such little time and financing.

"I was so impressed that such a tiny film was able to capture so much of the grandeur of Canada," she said. And that it does. From Toronto's congested Gardiner Expressway and magnificent skyscrapers, to breathtaking views of Banff's snow capped peaks, the film takes full advantage of the country's aesthetic strengths.

• *One Week* opens in theatres March 6.

The top pop albums, according to Billboard Magazine

1. Fearless, Taylor Swift, right; 2. Uncle Charlie, Charlie Wilson; 3. The Fray, The Fray; 4. Dark Horse, Nickelback; 5. I AM ... SASHA FIERCE, Beyoncé. REUTERS



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Music

Little Voice goes far

A cappella group helped Sara Bareilles find success in L.A.

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada



When setting up in a new city, we all find ways to ease the transition. For singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles, the solution was to join an a cappella group.

Soon after moving to L.A. from Eureka, Calif., to attend UCLA, the chart-topping Grammy nominee signed up with Awaken A Capella, a group that mirrored the musical theatre she grew up performing.

"If you listen to my album (Little Voice), you'll hear that I'm very much in love with vocal harmonies, and that's part of what drew me to a cappella," she said. "Singing with such a supportive group really nurtured my confidence ... It also enlightened me to the versatility of the voice — to how dynamic a vocal performance can be."

Bareilles hasn't undergone formal musical training, though her natural command of vocals shines through her love of a capella and sharply observant lyrics. While Little Voice's piano-driven tracks are largely dominated by vocals, they also feature details cribbed from studio



Singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles scored two Grammy nominations for her album Little Voice.

musicians, from the Maroon 5-esque funk-rock of Morningside to Come Round Soon's electronic intro.

"Sometimes I wish my training was different, since my skill level would be at a different place, and some of my limitations as a player would be solved," she said. "(But) since songwriting has not been not dissected for me, it's completely personality-based. I'm not breaking it down to make a formula, or under-

stand it mathematically."

Writing and recording Little Voice entailed some measure of creative conflict between Bareilles and producer Eric Rosse. The pair are still friends, and Bareilles said the experience, while difficult at the time, helped her grow as an artist. Compared to her self-produced demo album, Careful Confessions, the tracks on Little Voice are much bigger — in terms of production, delivery and attached price tag.

Several are reworked versions of earlier songs.

"When making music, if there's not anyone pushing back and challenging you — if you don't fight for your ideas ... (and you're) surrounded by yes men, you end up not doing everything you can," she said. "In order to better understand your art, you need to find a way to articulate it ... and that comes out every part of life — having to be your own advocate."

Flo Rida tops singles chart

CHARTS Flo Rida and T.I. maintained their No. 1 and No. 2 positions on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart on Thursday, but Soulja Boy made the biggest splash with his first top-10 entry since 2007.

His new single Kiss Me Thru the Phone featuring Sammie jumped eight

places to No. 9, benefiting from big spikes in downloads and radio airplay. He was last in the top 10 with the chart-topper Crank That (Soulja Boy).

Flo Rida's Right Round featuring Ke\$ha led the tally for a second week, followed by Dead and Gone, T.I.'s collaboration with Justin Timberlake. REUTERS

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Lucie Idlout rocks north to south

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada



Don't get the wrong idea about Lucie Idlout.

Sure, the singer-songwriter, who splits her time between Toronto and her hometown of Iqaluit, pens and performs rockers and ballads that address issues within her Inuit community on Swagger, her second album, which dropped earlier this month. But don't expect any throat-singing; Idlout is a rocker for all audiences first and foremost.

"I'm the only Inuk in this town that I hang out with," she said.

"The themes that I write about are universal. I am informed by my culture in terms of who I am as a person ... I don't broadcast it."

In fact, the rock chanteuse, who opened up for the White Stripes in Iqaluit in 2007 during that band's foray into the Cana-



Lucie Idlout, a rocker from head to toe, has a new album, Swagger.

dian North, doesn't broadcast anything she doesn't think merits saying. Growling guitars accompany laconic, straight-to-cases lyrics, as framed in her track Lovely Irene, a harrowing recount of the domestic abuse suffered by a close friend.

The song had legs. The mayor of Iqaluit renamed the street on which that town's women's shelter

sits after the acoustic version of the song, Angel Street, which led other cities across the country (Fredricton, N.B., is leading the charge) to consider doing the same.

"Whenever you can contribute to the cause of people's greater well-being, it's a good thing," she says.

Idlout is an accidental, and reluctant, spokesperson for the North. She

notes there's a common misconception among "Southerners" — the idiom those living above the tree line have for the rest of us — that the North is a cold, barren land of troubled communities, bordering on Neolithic. Though less cosmopolitan than Toronto or Montreal, it's simply not the case, and she feels people need to learn more about the country in which they live.

"I think for anyone to have a notion of what any place is, without having been there, is odd to begin with. I think people generally believe that we're stuck in the Stone Age and we haven't adapted or made contribution to the modern world, and that's not true," she said.

"There are people who live a modern life and a traditional one as well. It's a dangerously fun place. Spring's coming, the season for nudie-Ski-Dooing."

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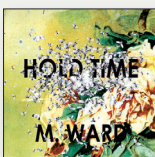
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Faith No More to reunite in Europe

TOURS Faith No More has announced its first live performances since splitting up in 1998. The band will play a series of European festival dates this summer, according to a statement from frontman Mike Patton's publicist.

No North American dates are scheduled at this time. As previously reported, only Patton and frequent collaborator Rahzel will perform at southern California's Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in April, despite speculation about a Faith No More appearance.

Neither the lineup for the revived Faith No More nor the specific festival dates have been announced.

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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Poker Face Lady Gaga
2. Live Your Life T.I. ft. Rihanna
3. Right Now Akon
4. Heartless Kanye West
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7. Let It Rock Kevin Rudolf
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The Gentleman in Black

Singer-songwriter back with first new album in five years

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



If you're new to indie rock it's likely that you haven't heard of Gentleman Reg. That's not because the Toronto-based singer-songwriter isn't any good, it's just taken him five years to release a new album.

"There are so many reasons," says Reg Vermue, about why he hasn't put out a new disc since 2004's Darby & Joan. "A main one was the dissolving of my old record label, Three Gut Records. That was a biggie."

Just because his label disbanded, didn't mean Vermue threw in the towel. He was forced to work the disc himself for more than a year, and when he finally sat down to record a record more problems arose.

"The actual process of making the album didn't take that long," he says. "Like everything else, it was the business. There were band lineup changes and I went through three managers."

Luckily, Vermue — whose specialty is delicate indie pop — not only created the best album of his career with Jet Black, but he landed on Arts & Crafts, the venerable Toronto-based label that's home to Feist and Broken Social Scene.

"Arts & Crafts and I have



Gentleman Reg is back with new album Jet Black, his first since 2004's Darby & Joan.

always flirted with each other and I've sung with Broken Social Scene a bunch of times," says Vermue, explaining why he signed to the label.

"And Kevin Drew (BSS singer and label co-owner) has always been a huge fan and supporter. So it was just very natural for me to give this record to them."

What A&C got isn't the usual Gentleman Reg fare. Instead of light poppy numbers Vermue turned up his amp and churned out a bevy of hook-filled rockers. The most memorable tune

"(Unlike on other albums) I wanted what was best for the songs and let go of my ego."

Reg Vermue

is We're in a Thunderstorm, an odd, but unbelievably infectious chillout dance club track.

"The music is definitely more experimental and playful," he says. "(Unlike on other albums) I wanted what was best for the songs and let go of my ego. I was open to admitting that maybe making the song a minute shorter is better for a pop song."

As for the dance track, Gentleman Reg says that's from a recording session with I Am Robot's Shaw-Han Liem. The two created an album's worth of experimental club numbers, but Vermue decided to include We're in a Thunderstorm on Jet Black rather than this chillout disc that may or may not see the light of day.

"I wanted something really exciting, a little spark,"

says Vermue. "I went through all my dance stuff thinking I was insane to think about it, but I found that one song that's the least dancy of all the stuff I recorded."

So now that his record is complete and his music has found a new home, Vermue must be feeling pretty content, right? Not so much.

"I don't feel settled. There's a lot of stuff going on right now. And I think being too comfortable is not necessarily a good thing, that would make me lazy, and it has the past."

Seeking the truth behind music's big leak

SoundCheck

Alan Cross



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About 7 a.m. last Wednesday, I received an email. "Want the new U2 album?" Within seconds, I was listening to U2's No Line on the Horizon.

A legitimate online store in Australia accidentally made the full album available for about two hours while Europe and North America slept. A few fans bought the album, re-ripped it to remove any digital locks and set it free. The tracks went global in seconds. A disaster for U2

and its label, right?

But since I believe in gunmen on grassy knolls and that the government knows that grey aliens are regularly kidnapping hillbillies, I began to wonder whether this really was a leak.

ARGUMENT FOR: The album leaked through the online store officially used by Universal Australia. Universal is U2's record label.

ARGUMENT AGAINST: Why would the world's biggest record label do something that sabotages sales for an album by its biggest band?

FOR: This was actually the second leak. A week earlier, it was available on Napster Mobile. But since no one has ever heard of Napster Mobile, it went unnoticed. Could the Australian leak have been a mulligan?

AGAINST: U2 manager Paul McGuinness is one of

music's most outspoken people on the problem of piracy and illegal downloads. He wants ISPs put on the hook for money lost due to file-trading.

FOR: Reaction to Get On Your Boots, the first single, has been tepid. An album leak gets people talking about U2.

AGAINST: People will talk about U2, anyway. The band played for Obama and opened the Grammys.

FOR: According to Forbes, only one-eighth of a band's income comes from album sales these days. U2 will gross a \$250 million from its upcoming world tour. A new CD is just an excuse for U2 to go on the road and make some real money.

AGAINST: When you sell more than 10 million copies of each album, one-eighth is still a lot of mon-



U2's No Line on the Horizon is scheduled for release next week.

ey.

The real answer is probably "It was all just a mistake." You can keep a new album secret as long as it stays in the studio, but the moment you have to ship it to pressing plants and

download stores, it can all go horribly wrong very quickly. All it takes is one digital copy.

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Television

Huge laughs in next Apprentice: Green

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Tom Green predicts the upcoming season of *Celebrity Apprentice* will be the most entertaining yet.

“It’s was ridiculous,” the comic said in a telephone interview from L.A.

The Canadian actor, comedian and writer, best known for MTV’s *The Tom Green Show* and his feature

film *Freddy Got Fingered*, is looking forward to watching the debauchery unfold starting Sunday when the second season of *The Celebrity Apprentice* airs.

Some of his fellow competitors included Dennis Rodman, Clint Black, Andrew Dice Clay, Joan Rivers and her daughter Melissa Rivers and Green said his main objective was to maintain a positive attitude and make each episode as

funny as possible.

When arguments began, for example, he tried his best to encourage them.

“I’d just sort of listen intently to the person who was making the least sense and then that would give them confidence and they’d argue more,” he said.

One of the funniest things for him was to see Clint Black and Dennis Rodman screaming at each other, he said.

And they weren’t the only two of the 16 candidates to lose their cool.

Green couldn’t give away all of the show’s secrets, but he said there were several competitors who just didn’t get along. The combination of strong personalities with the challenging, 16-hour days filled with complicated tasks, created a very volatile situation.

“It makes for some pretty cool TV,” the 38-year-old

said with a laugh.

The comedian found an ally in fellow funny man Andrew Dice Clay who has appeared several times as a guest on tomgreen.com, The Channel, where Green broadcasts a one-hour talk-show from his living room.

On the set of *The Apprentice*, the two jokesters continued the fun and games, adding some much needed comic relief to the mix.

“We were almost able to be a bit of a tag team as far as creating mass confusion and hysteria,” Green said.

• The *Celebrity Apprentice* premieres the evening of Sunday, March 1.



Jerry Seinfeld enters the reality domain

TELEVISION Jerry Seinfeld is reteaming with NBC to launch his first reality series.

The comedian’s project is tentatively called *The Marriage Ref* and features celebrities, comedians and athletes who will judge couples in the midst of a marital dispute while recommending various strategies to resolve their problem.

“This is not a therapy show, it’s a comedy show,” Seinfeld said. “After nine years of marriage, I have discovered that the comedic potential of this subject is quite rich.”

Seinfeld is partnering with *The Oprah Winfrey Show* veteran Ellen Raki-eten on the project, which reunites the comic with the network that aired his hit series *Seinfeld* for nine seasons.

NBC co-chair Ben Silverman said Seinfeld pitched the show as a companion piece of sorts to his classic

“This is not a therapy show, it’s a comedy show.”

Jerry Seinfeld

sitcom. The comedian increasingly has used marriage for material in his standup act. As bachelorhood inspired Seinfeld, his experience as a married man will fuel the unscripted program.

“Some of the greatest comedies in the history of television have been around marriages,” Silverman said. “The concept is so universal and accessible, and obviously it works so well when it comes from somebody with a point of view — and nobody has a stronger point of view on this subject than Seinfeld.”

Six hourlong episodes have been ordered for a planned fall release.

“We want to get it perfect,” Silverman said.

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In brief

MELROSE PLACE And the first actor cast in the new *Melrose Place* is ... Michael Rady. The veteran of CBS’ short-lived drama *Swingtown* landed the gig Wednesday, a day after the CW officially ordered a pilot for the

Melrose update, to be directed by Davis Guggenheim (An Inconvenient Truth). Rady will play Jonah Miller, a cute and quirky 25-year-old who makes his living as a videographer of weddings and bar mitzvahs.

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sports	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea	Instant Star	TMZ (N)		Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N)		Whistler
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (N)
	6	6	6	CHIF Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS "Cover Me"		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk	Hollywood	Raising the Bar (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC
	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	World Cup of Poker		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Philadelphia Flyers (HDTV) (Live)				Curling: Tournament of Hearts		
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Driven"		CSI: Miami "Kill Switch"		CSI: Miami "Born to Kill"		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN News		Mixed Blessing	Fish Out	Rabbit Fall	The Rez			I Love You to Death ** (1990, Comedy)
	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal		Borradale's Century		Bravo! Fact	Books-Film			A Month by the Lake (1995, Romance)
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Good Morning	Corner Gas	22 Minutes	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
	18	18	18	CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Discovery Project Earth		Man vs. Wild Turkey (N)		Deranged (N)
	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Extreme Living	Location, Loc.	Around-World
	46	46	46	HIST Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS		Shockwave		Urban Legends		Ax Men
	17	17	17	MM Degraassi: TNG	Degraassi: TNG	Redemption	Pimp My Ride	Paris Hilton's My New BFF		Drumline *** (2002, Comedy-Drama)		
	206	206	206	PIX (6:55) Top of the Food Chain (1999)			American Buffalo ** (1996, Drama)			Miss Congeniality ** (2000, Comedy)		
	39	39	39	SHOW Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Da Vinci's Inquest		Testees	Kenny-Spenney	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLICE X-Weighted		Til Debt-Part	Rich Poor	In Laws	Nearly Dead	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Hair Challenge
	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear		Wild Weddings (HDTV)		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not-Wear
	22	22	22	W Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	The Closer "Manhunt"		View From the Top ** (2003, Comedy)		
	27	27	27	YTV iCarly	Prank Patrol	Yours, Mine and Ours *** (1968, Comedy)	Lucille Ball.			Falcon Beach		Ghost

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
sports	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	Wrld News Sat	Legend of the Seeker		Funniest Home Videos		Bewitched ** (2005, Romance-Comedy)		
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea		Truth (2006) Stephanie Zimbalist, Dean Cain, Thea Gill.				Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Table Hockey
	11	11	11	CBC Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Sharks at Canadiens or Maple Leafs at Senators						NHL Hockey
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		Cold Case "True Calling"		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6	CHIF Shattered Dreams		Masterminds	Masterminds	Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV) (N)				News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH W-FIVE		Cold Case "True Calling"		Mayerthorpe (2008, Docudrama)	Henry Czerny.			News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order
	55	55	55	SCOR MMA Show	Footy Show	Poker 888.com UK Open.		BodogFight		College Basketball UCLA at California (Live)		
	53	53	53	TSN SportsCentre		Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Semifinal (HDTV) From Victoria, B.C. (Live)						
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN Cooking-Wifm	MYTV	Music Speaks	The Mix	Rez Bluez		The World's Fastest Indian (2005, Biography)		
	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Death at-Opera	Broadway	An Ideal Husband *** (1999)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics!	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Brian Regan
	18	18	18	CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Out in the Cold	Extreme Loggers		Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel
	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Top Design		Million Dollar Listing		Extreme-Home
	46	46	46	HIST Unlocking the Past		NCIS "Hiatus"		Ancestors	Ancestors	The Patriot *** (2000, War)		
	17	17	17	MM America's Best Dance Crew		Drumline *** (2002, Comedy-Drama)	Nick Cannon.			Gossip Girl (HDTV)		Muchmsc Ctdn
	206	206	206	PIX Crocodile 2	(7:45) Pay It Forward ** (2000, Drama)	Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt.				The Patriot *** (2000, War)		
	39	39	39	SHOW NUMB3RS "Tabu"		Mutant X		Legacy of Fear (2006, Suspense) (HDTV)	Teri Polo.			Ultraviolet
	40	40	40	SLICE Beautiful	Mr. Friday	Last 10	Last 10	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Project Runway Canada		Housewives
	21	21	21	TLC Toddlers & Tiaras		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	My First Home	My First Home	Deals on Bus
	22	22	22	W You've Got	Must Love Dogs ** (2005, Romance-Comedy)	Diane Lane, John Cusack.				The Perfect Man (2005, Romance-Comedy)		
	27	27	27	YTV Kid vs. Kat	Kid vs. Kat	Team Galaxy	Team Galaxy	Zixx Level	Storm Hawks	Naruto	Bleach	Ghost

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
sports	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters"		
	7	7	7	ASN Greek		Funniest Home Videos		Water *** (2005, Drama)	Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray, John Abraham.			
	11	11	11	CBC Heartland (N) (DVS)		The Devil Wears Prada *** (2006, Comedy)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		East Coast
	32	32	32	CBS Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Jesse Stone: Thin Ice (2009) Tom Selleck.		
	6	6	6	CHIF 16:9 Picture	King of the Hill	Life on Mars		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH Star Wars Clo.	Degraassi: TNG	The Mentalist (HDTV)		The Amazing Race 14		Criminal Minds (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX (4:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Shelby 427.				The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live (PA)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update		The WWE Experience		BodogFight		NBA Basketball: Raptors at Mavericks		
	53	53	53	TSN (4:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Shelby 427.				Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Final. From Victoria, B.C.				
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos
	70	70	70	APTN Great Towns	MYTV	Rez Bluez		Music Speaks	The Mix	A Family Thing ** (1996, Drama)		
	37	37	37	BRVO Mad Men		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Romantic Portrait	Yundi Li	King Arthur ** (2004, Historical Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Cream
	18	18	18	CNN Newsroom		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters		Journey to the Edge of the Universe (N)				MythBusters
	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Real Renos
	46	46	46	HIST Liberator	NCIS "Hiatus"		Running Guns (N)			Lord of War ** (2005, Drama)		
	17	17	17	MM Gossip Girl (HDTV)		America's Best Dance Crew		Paris Hilton's British Friend		Redemption	Meet Barkers	Dance Crew
	206	206	206	PIX Bright Lights, Big City		(8:10) McHale's Navy * (1997, Comedy)	Tom Arnold.			Little Nikita ** (1988, Drama)		
	39	39	39	SHOW Wife Swap		The Guard (HDTV)		Thrill of the Kill (2006, Suspense)	Shiri Appleby.			Damages
	40	40	40	SLICE Tori & Dean	Nearly Dead	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Til Debt-Part	Chop Shop	End of Leash	Spoiled Rotten	Biggest Loser
	21	21	21	TLC Untold Stories of the E.R.		My Shocking Story		Extreme Aging: Hayley's Story		Flo & Kay: Twin Savants		Joined for Life
	22	22	22	W Perfect	Hwd 10 Best	Bag	Style by Jury	Hush (2005, Suspense)	Tori Spelling, Victoria Pratt.			Dream-Murder
	27	27	27	YTV Flushed Away *** (2006, Comedy), Kate Winslet				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Next Star "The Buzz"		Adrenaline Proj

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience

FILM What's so wrong with watching three strapping, young lads belt out catchy, safe-as-milk rock tunes to fawning lady fans? Music and film purists may stay away, but if early reviews are any indicators, it all seems like a whole lot of fun.



2 Journalist Naomi Klein

AUTHOR The Canadian writer-journalist Naomi Klein made news again by winning the Warwick Prize for Writing for The Shock Doctrine, her investigative account of 'disaster capitalism.' The prize, worth about \$90,000 Cdn, is run by Britain's University of Warwick and is handed out every other year.

3 K'naan

ALBUM The Somali-Canadian artist is more than just a hip-hoppper and his bling-free new album proves it. Blending brilliant grooves with urgent protest poetry, K'naan brings a world of musical stylings to this work of art.



4 Ethical clothing

FASHION London Fashion Week designers put socially conscious threads at the top of their fashion agenda. About 37 renowned designers took part in the Esthetica exhibition, which showcased the latest trends in green and sustainable clothing.

5 Kate Winslet

CELEBRITY Slum-dog Millionaire's sweep may have been the Oscar fairy tale, but the British actress was Sunday night's Cinderella. Not only did she look the very picture of grace and glamour in her Yves Saint Laurent dress, she finally managed to bag the Oscar that should have been hers years ago.



6 Bermuda

TRAVEL Whether you want to beat the winter or catch a little spring break, Bermuda is the place to go this season. The Caribbean island is celebrating its 400th anniversary this year, kicking things off with an historical exhibit this weekend. More events and hotel deals to follow.

7 Siam Sunrays

COCKTAIL Cuba's got the Mojito. There's the Singapore Sling and the Manhattan. Now Thailand has created this new cocktail to add a little punch to the nation's tourism sector. Recipe? A shot of vodka, coconut liqueur, a dash of chili pepper and sugar, lime juice, a few slivers of lemongrass and ginger — shaken not stirred, then strained into a glass — with ice and soda water.

New beginning for NeverEnding Story

FANTASY The NeverEnding Story might keep going.

Warner Bros. and a pair of top-tier production companies are in the early stages of a reboot of the 1984 children's fantasy classic.

The Kennedy/Marshall Co., whose credits include The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, and Leonard DiCaprio's Appian Way are

in discussions with Warners about reviving the 25-year-old franchise. The studio recently acquired rights to the property, clearing the way for a potential remake.

Based on a German-language novel by Michael Ende, the film centres on a boy named Bastian Balthazar Bux who discovers a parallel world in a book titled

The NeverEnding Story. As the boy, a loner, delves deeper into the book, he increasingly finds his life intertwined with the plot of the novel, in which a hero in the land of Fantasia must save the universe on behalf of an empress.

The new movie will put a modern spin on the material by examining more details of the book. **REUTERS**

In brief

RELEASE Harry has a final date with film destiny: Warner Bros. will open the eighth film in its Potter franchise — Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows: Part II — on July 15, 2011. Deathly Hollows: Part I is set to unspool Nov. 19, 2010. The studio decided to split the seventh and final book in the Potter series into two movies because of the tome's length. **REUTERS**

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Hilfiger a father again

Tommy Hilfiger is to be a dad for the fifth time, two months after wedding second wife Dee Ocleppo. According to reports, Ocleppo "is three months pregnant" with the couple's first child, according to Femalefirst.co.uk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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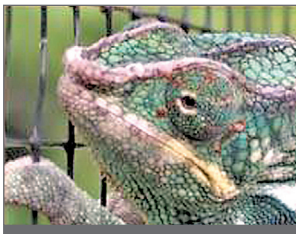
**Surf movie night**

When: Fri. Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Coconut Grove
Surf's up! Well, it will be in a few months, and DaCane Surf Shop is hosting a surfing movie night in support of the Coastal Access Committee and the Surf Riders Association of Nova Scotia. Tix: \$5. Call Lance Moore, the store owner, at 431-7873.

**Moose attack Eagles**

When: Fri. Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

Missed the Mooseheads taking on the PEI Rocket on Thursday night? Never fear — they'll battle the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles Friday. Tix: \$14.50 adults, \$10.75 students/seniors and \$9 youth.

**Reptile Zoo**

When: Sat. Feb. 28 and Sun. March 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Exhibition Park

If you've got a thing for reptiles, check out Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, featuring 30 species of non-cuddly pets — everything from tarantulas to anacondas and alligators. Tix: \$6.

**Rankin Family**

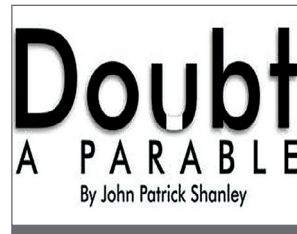
When: Sat. Feb. 28, 8 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre, 5284 Duke St.

Rankin family fans, time to celebrate: The famed Cape Breton musical family will bring their These are the Moments tour to Halifax this weekend. Tix: \$56.50.

**Symphony**

When: March 1, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 6101 University Ave.

Symphony Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra will team up Sunday to play Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, Strauss, Death & Transformation, and the Violin Concerto by Bruch. Tix: \$23/\$33/\$50.

**Doubt**

When: Opens Tues. March 3; runs through March 29
Where: Neptune Theatre
Neptune's newest play, Doubt: A Parable, probes the question of faith, morality and doubt through the eyes of a nun suspicious of a priest. Tuesday is "pay what you can" night, so arrive early. Tix: \$15.60 to \$32.

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Samuel L. Jackson is Marvel's man. The actor has signed an unprecedented nine-picture deal to play the Nick Fury, agent of spy outfit S.H.I.E.L.D., character in a series of Marvel movies. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

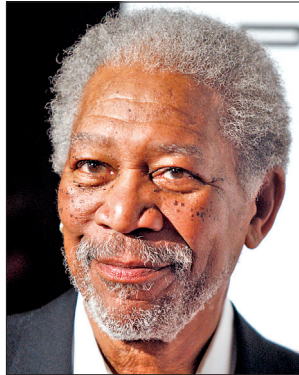
Entertainment

Morgan Freeman sued over car crash

A woman who was Morgan Freeman's passenger in an August car crash sued the Oscar winner for negligence recently and said she wants to clear her name from claims she was his mistress.

Demaris Meyer, the passenger, also said that despite media reports to the contrary, she and Freeman met the night of the accident at a country club, where they dined with mutual friends, and that she was not in a romantic affair with him.

"I have been labelled as the 'other woman' and have been accused of having caused the breakup of Mr. Freeman's marriage. Nothing could be further from the truth," Meyer said at a news conference in Los Angeles.



Morgan Freeman.

She is represented by celebrity attorney Gloria Allred.

Meyer's lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi Delta Division. The crash happened the night of Aug. 3, 2008, near a home that Freeman keeps in Charleston, Miss., when he

lost control of his Nissan Maxima and it struck a ditch and rolled over.

"We are confident this will all be resolved," said Ken Sunshine, a spokesman for Freeman. "We have no further comment on the current litigation."

Meyer said she was riding with Freeman that night because they were going to his ranch, since it was closer to her work than a friend's home where she originally planned to stay.

She said the actor assured her she would not only have her own bedroom at the ranch, but "her own house."

"He was a perfect gentle-

man and I accepted his offer," said Meyer, who lives in Tennessee, north of Freeman's Mississippi home.

Meyer's lawsuit also accuses Freeman of drinking before taking the wheel, but Mississippi authorities have not charged him with driving under the influence.

Freeman, 71, was hospitalized for four days after the collision, and his injuries included a broken arm and elbow.

Meyer was airlifted to a hospital and suffered numerous injuries, including a blow to the head, her lawsuit states.

REUTERS

"We are confident this will all be resolved."

Ken Sunshine, spokesman for Morgan Freeman

Judge orders three men to stay away from Spears

COURTS A judge on Wednesday ordered three men with former ties to Britney Spears to continue staying away from the pop star amid claims they tried to undermine her father's control over her affairs.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Aviva K. Bobb extended a restraining order against Sam Lutfi, the star's former self-styled manager, and Adnan Ghalib, a former boyfriend, until March 18.

The judge also extended a restraining order against attorney Jon Eardley, who once claimed to represent Spears, until April 1.

At the same hearing, Itamar Gelbman, a former member of Spears' security team, testified that Lutfi sent text messages to the singer's hairstylist in De-

cember asking her to relay information to the pop star.

The restraining orders against Spears the three men require them to keep away from Spears and her family, and from helping others file legal proceedings on her behalf.

Bobb is expected to decide at hearings on March 18 and April 1 whether to further extend the restraining orders.

Jamie Spears was granted temporary control over his daughter's affairs in February 2008 after the singer displayed bizarre public behavior for more than a year.

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Entertainment

Clint feels love for France

Clint Eastwood paid homage to French cinema after the Cannes Film Festival gave a special lifetime achievement award to the evergreen Hollywood legend, who is presenting his latest film at the age of 78.

"France's cineastes here in this country have always been very supportive of me all along the way," he told reporters after a ceremony late on Wednesday in a chic restaurant off the Champs-Élysées. "I'm very lucky to have known all of you."

The world's biggest film festival gave a special Golden Palm award to Eastwood, whose film *Changeling* starring Angelina Jolie was shown at Cannes last year.

The film failed to win one of the major prizes but Cannes President Gilles Ja-

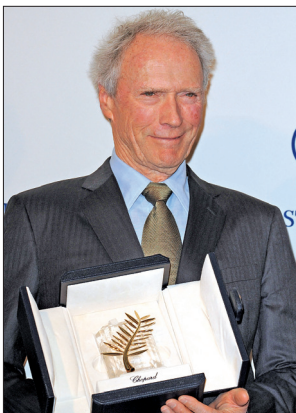
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Clint Eastwood

cob said the festival had long wanted to present a special award to Eastwood.

"With this highly symbolic gesture, the festival is matching the unanimous enthusiasm that both the public and critics have for you," Jacob said. "It sometimes happens that someone is a great artist and a frenzied egotist. That is not the case with you."

France maintains a complex love-hate relationship with Hollywood. But Eastwood has been revered for his roles as the taciturn



Clint Eastwood accepts his lifetime achievement Golden Palm award from the Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday.

gunman of Sergio Leone's 1960s spaghetti westerns, the hardboiled detective Dirty Harry and in more sympathetic roles such as the repentant gunslinger in *Unforgiven*.

In Paris to present his latest film, *Gran Torino*, in which he plays a reactionary war veteran forced to come to terms with Asian neighbours, he had warm words for French cinema.

"France is where the cinema began with the Lumiere brothers," he said. "It's the first country which approached cinema as an art form."

The actor-director thought back with affection to his first visit to Paris: "I came for the first time in Paris in the mid '60s at the Rex theatre for *A Fistful of Dollars*, a small film from an unknown director with an unknown actor," he said.

"Fortunately it went over and Sergio Leone became a favourite here," he said. **REUTERS**

First Superman comic on online auction block

AUCTION A rare copy of the first Superman comic will be put up for auction online Friday and bids could soar as high as the "man of steel," experts say.

Action Comics #1, published in June 1938, is considered by collectible experts to be the world's most valuable comic book and is valued at about \$126,000 US. "It's the Holy Grail of comic books," said comic expert Stephen Fishler. "This is the one that started it all. There was no such thing as a super hero before it. No flying man. Comics weren't even that popular. It's the single most important event in comic book history," he said.

Fishler, founder of New York's Metropolis Collectibles, will manage the auction of the comic — created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Schuster — at comic-

connect.com. The auction begins on Friday and concludes on March 13.

The unidentified seller bought the comic in 1950 when he was 9 years old after begging his father for 35 cents.

"Lots of kids bought comic books in the '50s, but almost all of them eventually tossed them out," said Fishler. "This guy understood its value and took good care of it — that almost never happens either." **REUTERS**

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It's over between illusionist Criss Angel and Girl Next Door Holly Madison. "Criss and Holly are no longer a couple," their rep told People magazine. "They remain very close friends and wish each other the very best." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Holly loses her Angel

Celebrity Buzz

'Critics don't get it': Paltrow

SITE Gwyneth Paltrow is taking on critics of her lifestyle website, Goop.com, just days after The New York Times published an article questioning the site's relevance in light of a barrage of swipes against its cardio-workout and pizza-recipe content, people.com reports. "I think the people who are criticizing it or criticizing the idea of it, don't really get it, because if they did, they would like it," Paltrow told People this week.

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Wedding bells ringing soon?

MARRIAGE Malinda Williams has fuelled reports her Nailed co-star Jake Gyllenhaal is set to marry girlfriend Reese Witherspoon after confessing she expects wedding bells soon, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 28-year-old Jarhead star and his actress lover were recently spotted ring shopping at New York's Fred Leighton jewellery store, and his lat-

est co-star insists it's obvious the couple will be man and wife soon.

She tells Life & Style magazine, "I wouldn't be surprised if they get married soon."

Reese was on the set a lot. She and

Jake are clearly in love.

"They're like two regular, down-home people. They seem very comfortable around each other ... It's like they've been together for a really long time — like an old married couple."

The couple met on the set of Rendition in 2007 becoming more open about their relationship after the finalizing of Witherspoon's divorce. The popular actress married Ryan Phillippe in 1999, but in 2006 announced that they were separating after seven years of marriage and they share the custody of their two children.

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Brit's music makes no sense: Mayer

PEOPLE John Mayer thinks Britney Spears is "strange," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who has been dating actress Jennifer Aniston for the past year — would never perform a duet with Britney because he doesn't understand her songs.

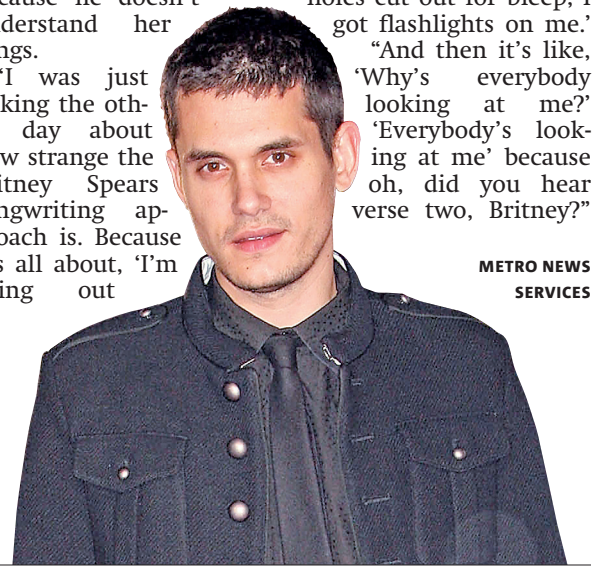
"I was just talking the other day about how strange the Britney Spears songwriting approach is. Because it's all about, 'I'm going out

tonight, but nobody look at me,'" he said.

"I've never met her and I'm not coming down on her, but all of the songs are sort of like, 'I'm getting all my girls together, we're gonna go out' and 'I've got holes cut out for bleep, I got flashlights on me.'"

"And then it's like, 'Why's everybody looking at me?' 'Everybody's looking at me' because oh, did you hear verse two, Britney?"

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Beatty offers role and help

PEOPLE Hollywood icon Warren Beatty apparently has a movie in mind with the perfect role for Lindsay Lohan.

But if the young starlet wants it, she's going to have to jump through a few hoops. Beatty is reportedly offering the part to Lohan under the

condition that she move in with him and wife Annette Bening — or at least into one their guest houses — for the duration of the filming so that Beatty can keep an eye on the notoriously difficult Lohan, according to Fox News.

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Jonas fans: Be nice to his mom

PEOPLE There's one simple rule for dating this teenage rocker: Nick Jonas is only interested in girls that get along with his mother.



The 16-year-old Jonas Brothers member says his ideal girlfriend is "someone who's good to my mom, that's very important."

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High School stars will wed

MARRIAGE Zac Efron has reportedly asked High School Musical co-star and girlfriend Vanessa Hudgens to marry him — because of pressure from Hudgens' mom.

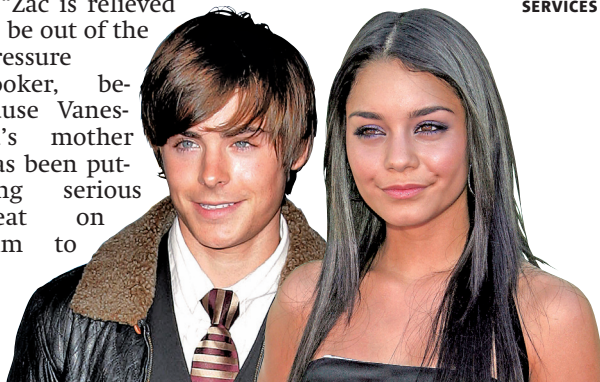
According to sources, the 21-year-old popped the question while the couple vacationed in Japan last month.

"Zac is relieved to be out of the pressure cooker, because Vanessa's mother has been putting serious heat on him to

make an honest woman out of her daughter," a source tells the National Enquirer.

"She is old-school and doesn't approve of Vanessa living with Zac without some type of wedding promise." The pair reportedly plan to wed sometime next year.

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Brown may make a case for self defence

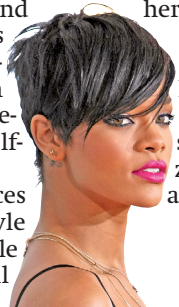
INCIDENT While preparing for his upcoming court date over his alleged assault of girlfriend Rihanna, Chris Brown is reportedly planning an interesting strategy: Pleading self-defence.

Inside sources tell Life & Style Weekly that while Brown is still

waiting to hear if Rihanna will press charges, he's preparing a case against her.

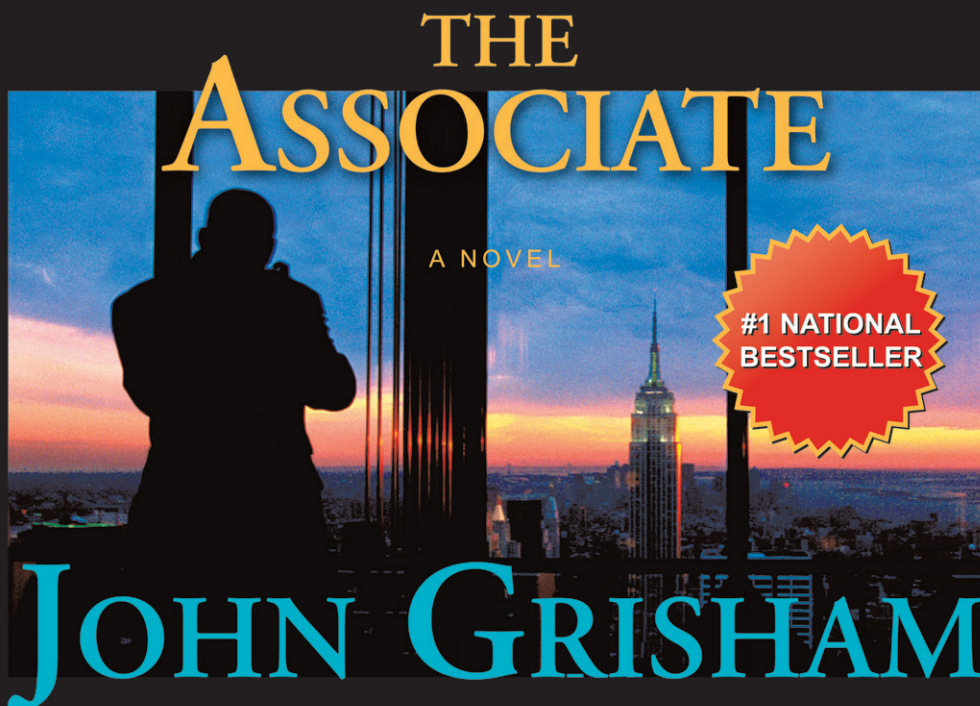
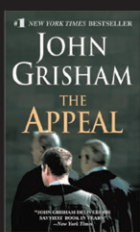
"He's saying she threw a phone at him, then hit him in the head and basically just lost it," a source tells the magazine. "He's saying she attacked him."

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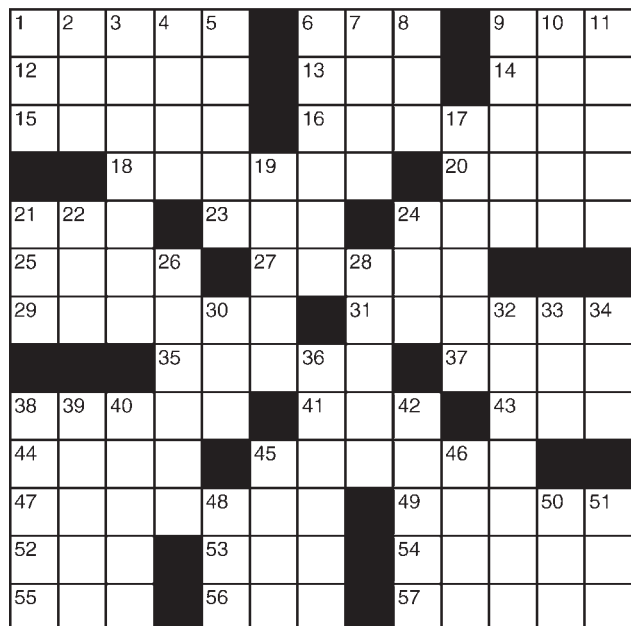
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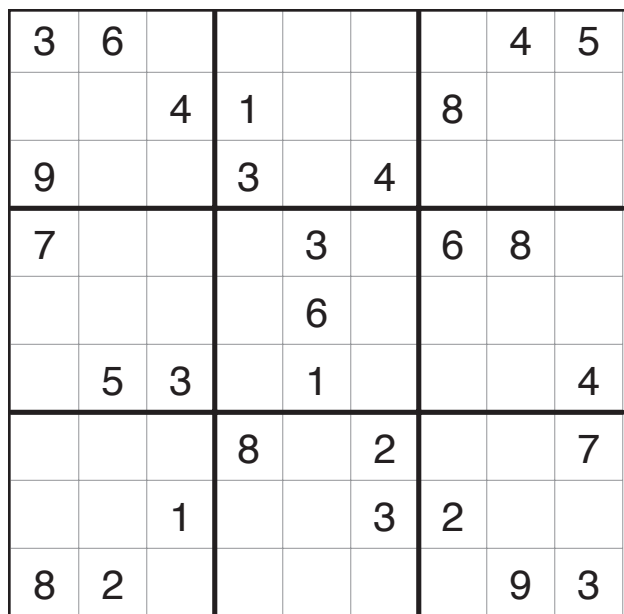
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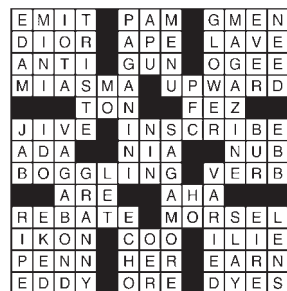
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| 15 Preamble | 44 Astringent |
| 16 Rifle attachment | 45 Family cars |
| 18 Drink | 47 Group of secretaries? |
| 20 Chaste | 49 Hugh Laurie title role |
| 21 Field, briefly | 52 Greek H |
| 23 La preceder | 53 Brewery product |
| 24 Stickup | 54 Signed a contract |
| 25 Mines' output | 55 Lair |
| 27 Grill brand | 56 "For Me and My —" |
| 29 Potassium source | 57 Borscht necessity |

Crossword down

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| 1 Schuss | 26 Antipasto ingredient |
| 2 Quaint stopover | 28 Greeted the villain |
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| 4 Bacterium | 32 Obi toggle |
| 5 Unkempt ones | 33 Petrol |
| 6 Outfielder's slip-up | 34 Kreskin's claim |
| 7 Highland hillside | 36 Hansel's sis |
| 8 Weep | 38 Sped |
| 9 Boredom | 39 Cheer up |
| 10 Ogler's looks | 40 Castro, e.g. |
| 11 Sacred song | 42 Master, in old India |
| 17 "Lakme" and "Lulu" | 45 Actress Ward |
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Spaghetti with Scallops, Asparagus and Swiss Chard

INGREDIENTS:

2/3 lb (300 g) spaghetti
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
12-oz (350 g) scallops,
quartered if large
7 oz (200 g) asparagus,
trimmed and cut into 1
1/2-in. (3-cm) lengths
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated fresh
ginger
1/2 lemon, zest grated and
juiced
1/2 lb (250 g) Swiss chard
leaves, coarsely shredded
1/3 cup (75 ml) water

METHOD:

1. Cook spaghetti in large pot of lightly salted boiling water according to packet instructions. When ready, drain.
2. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add scallops in a single layer and cook, turning occasionally, about 3

minutes or until lightly golden and almost cooked through. Transfer scallops to plate, using slotted spoon, and keep warm.
3. Add asparagus to wok with ginger and lemon zest. Cook, stirring frequently, about 4 minutes until starting to soften.
4. Add Swiss chard leaves to wok and toss lightly. Pour in water, cover wok and cook about 5 minutes until Swiss chard is wilted and asparagus is tender.
5. Return scallops to wok with lemon juice and season to taste. Add spaghetti to wok and gently toss to mix with scallops and asparagus. Serve at once.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A source of funds is revealed to a go-getter. Don't make fun of cautious behaviour. A wise guy finds an answer while day-dreaming.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



A disaster will be avoided. Being spontaneous can bring people together. Having second thoughts about a love affair creates turmoil.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



A benevolent woman leaves a trail of evidence. A big setback affects someone's emotional state. A sensitive person makes guarded statements.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Emotional sensitivity is high in a whirlwind of activity. Rational discussions keep you hopping. A know-it-all blunders into a misunderstanding.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Pay close attention to a drama queen. An old guy has to obey his conscience. People wearing bland masks will make for a long day.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



A shameless thief will give you something. An apathetic person stands by the original plan. You'll find somebody to love.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Your routine will change due to a control freak. A mischief-maker concocts thrilling scenarios. An illness initiates contact with an unusual person.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Illness and obligations will come to a head. A cheerful man needs more training. A pitiful cry will reveal much more than you expected.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Don't try to exploit someone in the legal profession. A mystery man interferes with a conclusion. A computer will lead to a new friendship.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



A prospective partner shares your strong feelings. Avoid others who are busy doing a difficult job. The importance of a decision becomes clear.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



An elder's remark will cause amusement. A bashful friend boasts about your deeds. Avoid any controversy concerning possessions.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



People are talking about a sappy person. Be careful not to get hurt in a tug-of-war. Be considerate when you're with decision-makers.

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